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U. S. MINT LETTERS

No 22

From May 11th 1878.
To July 29th 1878.

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May 11th 8

Sir;

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is.

4.011.594.34 Standard Ounces.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 11 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst, has been received.

One thousand (1,000) Mexican dollars would be worth at the Mint, by weight as bullion, about $920. in U. S. legal tender silver dollars. The price of silver bullion, here, varies from day to day according to the London quotations.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

J. C. Campbell, Esq
Kirksville.
Mo

May 11   8

Sir:

I herewith transmit for your information, copy of a letter received this morning by Mr. Geo. C. Thompson, Mint Clerk of the Adams Express Co. from the local Supt of that company, advising Mr. Thompson of the rates to be charged for the transportion of silver coin from the Mint from and after the 1st of May, inst.

On all distances over 500 miles, I suppose I am to pay one (1) cent per m per mile up to 500 miles, and one half (1/2) cent per m per mile for any additional distance over 500 miles. If this is, as I believe the proper construction, you will please so advise me by telegraph.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 11 8

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 10th inst, with its enclosures, directing that reclamation be made upon the Adams Express Co, for the overcharge referred to, for the transportation of subsidiary silver coin from the Mint. This shall be done, and will no doubt be promptly acceded to by the Company.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

May 11 8

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending May 11. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 13 8

Sir

Our supply of bronze one cent pieces is exhausted, and the accumulation of cents that may be received is very slow.

I therefore recommend that there be a transfer to the Mint of, say, ten thousand (10.000) dollars in 1¢ pieces out of the stock of the Treasury, to enable me to fill current orders. We are entirely out of that denomination of coin.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

May 13 8

Gentlemen,

The three 5¢ copper nickel pieces enclosed in your letter of the 11th inst, are genuine coins. The washed appearance is owing to t fact that they were redeeme the Mint, and cleaned and re

They are herewith returne

Very Respectfu

Jas P

Su

Messrs.
J. Esterly & Co.
Columbiana.
Ohio

May 13th

Dear Sir

I enclose a statement of the large invoice of $3.367.713.26 of gold bullion received from the Assistant Treasurer of New York showing a deficit of 16 22/100 ounces in the gross weight also some difference in fineness. By calculating as close as the tenths of thousandths, in the mint assay it appears as if there was a slight difference in our favor, sufficient perhaps to warrant the Melter & Refiner accepting the New York weight and fineness, this he is disposed to do for the present at least.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

May 13th

8

Statement of $3.367.703.26 of gold bullion received from the U.S. Ast. Treasurer of N. York.

N. York Gross Ounces	Dec. Fineness	Phila. Gross Ounces	Dec. Fineness
6.118.38	[illegible]5½	6.118.30	9[illegible]½ fine
51.049.19	9[illegible]	51.047.00	9[illegible]
93.573.30	916½	93.570.00	9[illegible]½ fine
27.034.60	917	27.033.95	916
177.775.47		177.769.25	

Deficit in weight 6.22

H. S. Cochran
Weigh Clerk

May 13 8

Sir:

I have made the following appointments and submit the same for approval.

John Henry, Boise Dillon, and Amos Shobin, as Laborers in the General Department, at $2,75 each, per diem, to take effect from the date of the oath of office.

I have also made the following transfers from the general department to the coiners department, to date from the 1st of May inst, and submit the same for approval.

1. John Lord, Laborer, at $2,75 to Coining Room at $3, per diem.
2, Joseph Cusack, Laborer, at $2,75 -

to Roller, at $2.90 per diem.
3. J. D. Sinex, Laborer, at $2.75, to Coining Room at $3. per diem.
4. Henry J. Cooper, Gate Keeper at $2. to Hoister at $2.50 per diem.

The Coiners recommendation of these transfers, is herewith enclosed.

I have also transferred C. A. Carpenter, now Blacksmith, on the general roll to Gate Keeper on the same roll, at the same per diem, the change to date from May 1st.

The appointment of John Henry, and Louis Dillon, are made at the request of Speaker Randall, endorsed by yourself.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

May 13th 8

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 11 inst, in reference to the sale of sweeps for currency at the N.Y. Assay Office from 1861 to July 1869. I have the honor to state, in answer to your closing inquiry, that the sweeps of this Mint have always been sold for Gold Coin, never for Currency; nor can I discover that there has ever been any difficulty here in getting gold coin for sweeps

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Cp bk

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

May 14

Sir

I have to report that Henry J. Hunter, "Special Employe" in the Engravers Department starts to-day for San-Francisco, in accordance with your directions, and his name will be dropped from our rolls accordingly.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 14th 8

Statement of the Melter & Refiner's Alloy a/c. for the 1st Quarter 1878.

1878			
Jany 1st	To Balance	Oz 14.583.33	$ 186.79
Mar. 30.	" Copper	437.500.00	5.212.50
		452.083.33	5.399.29
Mar. 30.	By Copper used for Alloying Bullion	Oz 337.000.00	$ 4.024.83
		452.083.33	$ 5.399.29

Jas. [illegible]
Supt.

May 17 8

Sir,

Your note in relation to the ma
king of dies for the Honduras Mint, ha
been received.

No definite arrangements for th
purpose were made by the gentlemen
representing Honduras whilst here

It was suggested that Mr. Barb
in connection with Mr. Pacquet
might make arrangements by whi
the dies could be prepared &c,

In conversation with Mr. Bark
this morning, he said no arrange
ments had been made, and he di
not feel authorized under the ci
cumstances to make any, as noth
had been said about securing pa
me

and the drawing or designs which they had here, they took away with them.

I would suggest that the gentlemen correspond directly with Mr Barber, or Mr. Pasquet, on the subject, and make such arrangements for dies as will be necessary to execute the coinage required.

The letter of B. Ylidor is herewith returned, as requested.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

May 14   8

Sir:

Your letter of April 13th with its enclosed remittance of $5.– duly came to hand, but Messrs Booth & Garrett declined to make the assay you want for that money. The desired assay has therefore been made by our own Assayer in the Mint, as an accommodation to you, and we find that your rocks contain no platinum, nor any gold or silver, except a mere trace of the latter, which is of no account.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.
Wm Rosenbaum
Deadwood
Dakota.

May 14 8

Sir

Your letter of the 13th inst, to H. L. Dodge, Esq Supt of the Mint at San Francisco, in reference to the purchase of silver bullion, was inadvertently put into an envelope for this Mint, reaching me this morning, and I immediately remailed it to Mr. Dodge at San Francisco.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

May 15th 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst, is at hand.

When the Mint *buys* silver bullion, we pay for it in the new legal tender silver dollars only; and if there be any gold in the silver, we return the net value of the gold in gold coin.

As your principals refuse to sell their silver for standard silver dollars, all we can do for them, under our regulations, will be to melt, assay, part and refine their doré bars; and return the silver in the shape of fine commercial bars, and the gold in gold coin, less the Mint charges. If this is satisfactory, you will please so advise me. If not satisfactory, the doré bars will be returned to you, untouched.

The bars are still in the custody of the Mint clerk of the Adams Express Co, who has an office in the Mint building. When deposited, it will be in his name, and the deposit receipt retained by him, until he gets the returns in silver bars and gold coin, which he will forward to you by Express, as you may direct, and send you Mint memorandum giving you the results in detail.

I enclose two Mint circulars for your information.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. G. Lansing, Esq
New York.

May 15 8

Mr Jerome H. Duff

Sir

The mineral you send is an iron ore of poor quality.

Yours &c.

Jas Powell

Supdt.

Stickleyville

Lee Co

Va.

May 15 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter (J. W. W.) of the 9th inst, I herewith transmit C/D. No. 1518. for $85 27/100 silver coin, on currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $37 15/100 in mutilated 5¢ pieces, specified in your letter.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt.

Hon.
James Gilfillan.
Treasurer. U. S.
Washington
D. C.

May 15 8

Sir,

I herewith transmit for your information a report, under date of the 10th inst, by Wm. E. DuBois, Assayer, on Mr. A. E. Outerbridge's condensing apparatus for recovering volatilized gold and silver.

Also notes by Mr. Outerbridge, on Prof Booth's report on the same subject.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 15 8

Gent^n

What you send is simply a cube of iron pyrites, somewhat decomposed.

Yours &c.
J. W. Cleech
Supt.

Messrs R. E. & M. C. Reeves
Siloam. N. C.

May 15 8

Sir:

Order No. 12, enclosed in your letter of the 13th inst, and herewith returned, you will observe by the foot note, should accompany, not the invoice, but your duplicate receipted bill, when presented for payment.

Respectfully
Powell
Supt

M. C. Smyth, Esq
Treas. Midvale Steel works.
Philadelphia.

May 15 8

Dear Sir

The trade-dollar (herewith returned) is genuine, but badly struck, & scratched with a file. The large hole cut in it will unfit it for trade or currency.

Respy yours

Jas. Pollock

Supdt.

G. A. Dinsmore Esq

N.B. Was struck at the Carson City Mint.

J.P.

May 16 8

Sir.

Yours of the 13th inst. has been received.

For the information you desire you should apply to coin dealers and collectors, to be found in all our large cities.

Hon. J. Ross Snowden, published a book on coins, which can be had of Messrs. J. B. Lippincott & Co. this City.

Very Respt—

Jas. Pollock

Mr.

Geo. W. Schoenhut.

224 Main St.

Peoria. Ills.

May 16 8

Sir.

Your note of the 6th inst. has been received.

The box containing the ore you mention as having sent to the Mint, has not come to hand.

Being informed that there was a box of this description at the Post Office, upon inquiry I learned that for want of 38 cts postage due it was sent to the Dead Letter Office.

You can make inquiry in relation to it at the Post Office Department, Washington.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Dir.

Mr. H. S. Meily.
Wilson, P.O.
Kansas.

May 16th 8

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst, I enclose to you a Specimen of the Standard Dollar struck on the coining press from the dies made from the hub to which Mr Morgan refers —

The alteration of the border, although very slight, improves the coin and is satisfactory and will no doubt meet with your approval. — The relief is also a little lower therefore better.

I hope no more alterations will be made and that we will issue a coin uniform and creditable to the Mints.

For the enclosed dollar please return to me a Silver Dollar or a Greenback — I have paid the Carrier.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

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May 16 8

Sir:

Will you please furnish me with the address of John Henry, and Boise Dillon, recently appointed, and confirmed, as laborers in this Mint,

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 16 8

Gentlemen.

I duly received your letter of the 1st and 11th inst, and in reply herewith transmit for your information, with my approval, a communication from our Melter & Refiner, Prof. Booth, which will explain the present condition of the market for crucibles.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
Moelling & Autenreith
17 Bank St
Philadelphia.

May 17 8

Sir.

The book of printed receipts for minor coins sent in for redemption, mentioned in your letter of the 11th inst, was duly received.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 17 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 18th inst. has been received.

Your package was received in good order, and there is no error in our weight. Three different persons noted the weight, examined the weights carefully, and made separate entries, and all agree with the weight stated in the Mint Memorandum. There was no weight stated in your letter, or marked on the package. If there had been, any discrepancy would have been noticed at the time.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs.
Charles Wendall & Co.
Chicago, Ills.

May 17 8

Sir.

The ore enclosed in your letter of the 10 inst. proves, upon examination, to be only gravel and mica, of no value.

Very Resp'tly
Jas. Pollock
Supt
per W. F. S.

Mr.
J. W. Gile.
Currie
Murray Co
Minn.

May 17 8

Sir.

The ore enclosed in your letter of the 10th inst., proves, upon examination to be oxid of iron, and of no value.

Very Respt'ly
James Pollock
Supt
per W. F. S.

Mr. John Lesh,
Saluvia, P.O.
Fulton Co.
Pa

May 18th 8

Sir.

I forward this day my Gold, Silver and Minor Coinage a/cs, for the 1st Quarter 1878.

In rendering these a/cs. I have adjusted the balances of Silver on hand March 30th to its Standard Dollar Valuation, (per your directions under date of March 23d & 29th insts, 1878 instead of carrying it at its average cost (for the purpose of keeping a more perfect adjustment of the Silver Profit and Loss a/c) as has heretofore been done.

The bills of the Adams Express Co. for transportation of Silver Coin having been paid prior to the opening of the question of rates, I have no course to pursue but to lethem pass as paid, but subject to reclamation by means of bills to be presented to the Express Co. for repayment of overcharges thereon, which bills are now being prepared and will be forwarded with my a/cs. for the current quarter when returns shall have been made, thus adjusting the overcharges.

Trusting this plan will be entirely satisfactory to yourself and the Accounting Officers,

I am Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Sup't

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

May 18 8

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 18th inst, (J.W.H.) I herewith transmit C/D No. 1529, for $1.35 silver coin, on currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $1.68 in mutilated silver 3 ¢ pieces, specified in your letter.

Mint Memorandum enclosed

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Hon.

Jas. Gilfillan

Treasurer U. S.

Washington

D.C.

May 18 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 13th inst, addressed to the Post Master of this City, in relation to certain "mineral" found in your locality, has been referred to me by him for answer.

In reply I enclose for your information, a communication from the Assayer of the Mint on the subject.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
Harvey Mounts,
Jasper Mounts,
& M. S. Goby.
South Bloomingville Ohio

May 18 8

Hon: James Pollock — Dear Sir

The mineral sample from Ohio, sent through Postmaster Snowden, is magnetic iron-sand, which is often used in manufacture of iron.

The "Indian" doubtless knew that it is found with gold spangles in the placers of the West. But here in the East, the iron-sand occurs without the gold.

Very resp'y

W E DuBois
Assayer

May 18 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst, has been received.

As requested, I have sent by Express to-day, the drawings, designs and old dies that were left with our Coiner by Mr. Toledo, to his address No. 35 Broadway New York.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 18th 8

Sir.

At the request of the Director of the Mint, I send to you by Express to day, the drawings, designs and old dies of the Honduras Government, that were left by you with the Coiner of this Mint. They are sent as deposited, not having been opened by him.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Roderico Toledo.
No 35 Broadway
New York.

May 18 8

Sir;

The amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 3.868.893.43 Std Oz's - approximately.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 18 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending May 18. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

(Telegram)

May 18. 1918

Treasurer U. S.
Washington. D.C.

Hopkinsville silver delivered to Express Company May third, forwarded by them May eleventh, probably received by this time.

Jas. [illegible]
Supt. Mint

May 20 8

Sir.

The mineral enclosed in your letter of the 13th inst, is common clay slate, with a few specks of iron pyrites, and of no value.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt
for W. S. P.

Mr.
M. Corder.
Phillippi
Barlow. Co
W. Va

May 20 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst is at hand.

I cannot pass upon the two dollars you refer to without seeing them. There are thousands of the new silver dollars in the U. S. Sub-treasury at Boston, where you can readily examine the design. Some of the first dollars issued were rather rough and unfinished in appearance on account of the precipitate haste with which the dies had to be prepared to meet the public demand for the immediate outturn of coin. Both the dies, and the stamping of the coins have been improved since that time.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Russel

Supt

Mr.
G. E. Richardson.
Cambridgeport
Mass

May 20 8

Sir.

At the Coiners request, herewith enclosed, I have transferred Alexander Crawford, Cleaner in the Coiners department, at $3. per diem, to the Adjusting Room in the same department at the same compensation.

I have also transferred Wm McDade, Laborer in the general department, at $2.75 per diem, and appointed him a Cleaner in the Coiners department at $3. per diem, vice Alexander Crawford, transferred.

These transfers are submitted for your approval, and to date from the 1st of May, instant.

Very

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

May 21 8—

Sir:

The mutilated, burnt minor coins in the two packages specified in your letter (J. W. W.) of the 17th inst. have neither coin value, nor bullion value, but are worthless; and the Asst. Treasurer at Philadelphia refuses to receive them on currency transfer account. By count they amount to $5.34 nominal value. If melted down no purchaser could be found for the metal contained in them. It would not be a marketable commodity.

Shall I return them to you.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan.

Treasurer U. S.

May 21 8

Sir.

Referring to the endorsements on your letter of the 14th inst, to the Secretary of the Treasury, in reference to a further supply of 1¢ bronze coins to the amount of $10,000. I have now to report that we can coin that amount of new 1¢ pieces without interferin with other coinage operations, and I request that this be authorized. We have some bronze clippings on hand sufficient for part of that amount, and also have several hundred pounds of redeemed 2¢ bronze coins, that I should like to have transferred to the

Melter and Refiner to be added to the clippings and converted into 1¢ pieces. They can be utilized for that purpose to advantage, and I believe it would be good policy, and true economy to do so.

Please let me know your decision at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 21 8

Sir.

I have received one dollar in currency enclosed in your letter of the 20th inst, in return for a specimen silver dollar sent you from dies made from a new hub. I am glad you have decided not to sanction any changes at present. If any be made it should only be at the close of the calendar year.

The dollar dies are now working very well, and the coinage progressing satisfactorily.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

May 21st 8

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst, inquiring what recoinages of Gold have been made at this Mint from 1853 to Jany 1st. 1873, and whether any Coinage or other Charge had been imposed, I beg to state, that I have examined the records as far as they are complete, but do not find that in any recoinages a Charge of any kind has been made. But in order to be more certain, I have consulted the Assayer who informs me that in no case has a Charge been made for recoining Gold on Government account.

The first record of Gold Coins for

for recoinage, as appears upon the Deposit Book, was made in 1860, when Gold Coins were received from the Assay Office in New York September, 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 19th, & 22d. And from the Asst. Treas. U.S. St. Louis, Oct. 19th & Nov. 5th.

In 1862, A. McIntyre, Treas. deposited Gold Coins, May 31st & June 2d.

In 1868, C. McKibbin, Asst. Treasurer deposited Gold Coins, Dec. 23d.

In 1869, Geo. Eyster Deposited Gold Coins, Feby 11th May 20th Aug 5th & Dec. 13th.

In 1870, June 15th; 1872, July 26th;

In 1873, New York Assay Office, or (Asst Treasurer) deposited $16.000.000.

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in Gold Coin, and $9.940.773.16 in Bars, melted down from Gold Coin.

The Asst Treasurer at Philada deposited in 1873 as follows - in $95.202.50 $1.504.500 - & $55,000. Also $190.000. In 1874, $200.000 - & $225,000 - Also $595.000 - Also $290.000 - Also $19,000 -.

The Asst. Treas. at Boston deposited in 1873, $960.000 - $1,150.000 - $36000 - $35,000 - & in 1874 $25,000 -

The Asst. Treas. at Chicago (Depositary (?)) deposited in 1873 - $6900 -. In 1874 $2717.

The Asst. Treas at Louisville Ky $409.30 (Silver) The Treasurer U.S. at Washington D.C. deposited in 1873, $30.005.75 and $8.15. In 1874 - $58.497 —

In 1873, the Asst. Treasurer at

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St. Louis, deposited $701.000. In 1874 - $1.000 - & $8.535 -

In 1874, The Asst. Treasurer at New York deposited $1.080.000.

In 1874, The Asst. Treasurer at Baltimore deposited $124.286.50. also $20.185 -

In 1874. The Asst. Treas. at New Orleans deposited $811.000.

The Depositary at Pittsburg $17.700.
" Do. at Buffalo $1.104.
" Asst. Treas. at Cincinnati $34.317.50
" Do. at Charleston. $2.922.

The above is the bulk of the amounts received. The items in 1860, 1862, 1868, 1869 & 1870 I cannot arrive at, as the press Copies of the abstract Sheets cannot be found, and in the accounts proper the sum total of the deposits for each quarter only appear. I have no data by which to further throw light on the subject, and trust that this hurried letter will answer your purpose.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 28 5

Sir:

I herewith transmit the oath of Office of

Amos Spohn.
John Henry, and
Bacey Dillon.

recently appointed Laborers in the General Department of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 20 8-

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst, and the box of dust, have been received.

The dust is only magnetic iron sand, without any gold, and of no value.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Thomas Holland
South Bloomingville
Hocking Co.
Ohio

May 20   8

Sir

In compliance with your special request I have appointed John Kurtz, as a Laborer in the General Department of this Mint, at $2.75 per diem, and submit the same for approval. This appointment to take effect on the first Monday of June, proximo, (June 3.)

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

May 23d 8

Sir

Your inquiry of the 22d inst, as to how much gold we can receive from the Assay Office and pay for prior to the close of the current fiscal year, has been received.

The fiscal year closes June 30, but the Mint will close for the annual settlement about the 15th of June, a little over three weeks from now. To return the $940,000, in double eagles now due your office, and execute the small gold coinage required by the Treasury Department will be as much as we can safely undertake prior to the annual settlement; and it will not be prudent for us to receive any further deposits of gold from your office, until after the close of the present fiscal year.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Thos. C. Acton, Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York

May 23d 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 21st inst, has been received.

The standard weight of one thousand (1.000) Peruvian Soles, or Chilian Pesos, is eight hundred and two (802) ounces, 900 fine. The Mint would purchase them by weight as bullion on the terms of the enclosed circular and pay for them in U.S. legal tender silver dollars (412½ grains, 900 fine) at the equivalent of the London price of silver on the day your silver reaches the Mint. Silver in London yesterday, May 22d, was 53 d. equal to $1.16¾ per ounce fine, or $ 05 per ounce standard. Pure silver $1,00 fine. At yesterdays price in London, 1,000 sols or pesos, would be worth at the Mint about 842 U. S. silver dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Ambrose C. Flint, Esq
Bangor
Me

May 23 8

Sir

The mineral you send is a poor iron ore, with some specks of mica & pyrites; no value.

Yours &c.

J P Lesley
Supdt.

Mr Benjamin Hann
Everett
Bedford Co.
Pa

May 23 8

Dear Sir

The ~~two~~ minerals you send are of no value. One is galena, very common; the other is a carboniferous stone, with a little shining mica and pyrites.

Yours truly

J P Lesley
Supdt.

Mr O. A. McCarty
Muncy Pa.

May 28 8

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 21st inst, I herewith enclose our Assayer's report of his assay of the ten doré bars of Walker Bros Salt Lake City. The Mint charge for the assay is $21.

The bars have not been melted down, and are subject to your order. The Adams Express Co, will forward them to whatever point you may direct.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

R. G. Lansing, Esq
New York.

May 24 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 23d inst received.

The Mint does not furnish specimen coins except proof sets of the current year. Your application should be made to coin dealers.

The 25¢ postal currency enclosed in your letter is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Jas. Bourne Esq.
Baltimore
Md

May 24 8

Sir:

Your telegram of yesterday, a copy of which I enclose, did not indicate to what point you wished one hundred thousand standard silver dollars forwarded, and reached me just at the closing hour, when it would have been impossible to make the desired shipment.

Transfer orders Nos 5089 and 5090 for $100.000, each, have been presented this morning by the Agent of the Adams Express Co. and have been paid, and standard silver dollars to the amount of $200.000. have been forwarded to you. The usual printed notices of these two T. O's have not come to hand.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

May 24 8

Sir.

I have this morning received your letter of yesterday authorizing the coining of bronze one cent pieces to the amount of $10.000. Will you please advise me further, by return mail, if convenient, whether we can use for this purpose, mutilated 1¢ bronze coins on hand, that have been redeemed, and if so, will you authorize the proper transfer.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Telegram.

To Director of the Mint. May 24. 1878.
Washington. D.C.

Although our vaults are full and a large amount of silver bullion piled in the melting rooms, we can receive and place in the vault, under the front steps about one and a half or two million ounces. if necessary.

Supt. Mint.

May 24 8

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst, has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, on the term of the enclosed circular, at the equivalent of the London price of silver on the day the Mexican dollars reach the Mint, and pays for the coins in U. S. Standard Silver dollars. At the present price, Mexican dollars would net about 90 @ 92 cents, each.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

A. G. Edwards, Esq

Asst Treas U. S.

St Louis, Mo

May 24 8

Sir:

Your sight draft of the 23d inst, No. 12,252, on the National Park Bank, New York, for $1,000. for a like amount of subsidiary silver coin, is herewith returned.

The enclosed circular from the Secretary of the Treasury will show you how to proceed, it is the only way.

Congress stopped the coinage of silver 5¢ pieces on the 1st of April 1873, and none have been made since that time.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

A. H. Norman, Esq. Cas.
Newport R. I.

May 24   8

Sir

I have to request that you will direct 25 copies to be sent to me, of Shermans circular of March 23d. 1877, (Dept. No. 49 - Indt Treasury Div. No. 30) prescribing the manner in which subsidiary silver coin may be procured in exchange for currency. We have frequent use for them; and I have to day mailed to a distant point, the last copy in my possession.

Drafts and checks to my order, for these coins, are of frequent occurrence.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt

May 25 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending May 25th 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 25   8

Sir.

The number of plain white envelopes, letter size, specified in my last semi-annual requisition, not having been furnished, except in part, our supply is exhausted, and we need two thousand (2000) more of No. 6. to carry us over into July next. We need them immediately. Will you please make requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the same, and if possible have them forwarded without delay.

We have legitimate official use for a reasonable quantity of plain note paper. None whatever was furnished for the current six months, although specified in my requisition. Am I at liberty to procure it here? Please advise me.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

8

May 25

M. H. Cobb, Cashier

Please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for Melting and recoinage, from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Twenty Seven Hundred and Forty (2740) Dollars in 1c Bronze coin (Mutilated).

See the following authority,

Letter & Telegram	Director of the Mint,	April 24th 1873
Letter	"	Jany 23d 1874
"	Secretary of the Treasury	Oct. 29th 1874
"	Director	Dec. 11th 1875
"	"	May 23d 1878

Jas Pollock
Supt.

May 25th 8

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for Twenty Seven hundred and forty (2740) dollars, to reimburse you for a like amount of mutilated Bronze 1c Coins transferred from your Minor Coinage Redemption Fund to the Melter & Refiner for recoinage.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

May 25th 8

Sir;

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 3.668.414.71 Standard Ounces.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 27 8

Sir,

The first piece described in your letter of the 25th inst. was issued by authority of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey during the period of the Confederation, and known as the "New Jersey cent." Not very rare.

The other is one of a series of "Washington cents" supposed to have been issued by private persons for speculative purposes, but nothing is actually known in regard to their origin or purpose.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. R. K. Krout
Crawfordsville.
Ind.

May 27 8

Sir,

Your letter of the 20th inst, and the package of Department circulars prescribing the manner in which subsidiary silver coins can be procured from the Mint, have been received.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 27 8

Sir,

Your letter of the 24th inst has been received.

I cannot give any definite opinion with regard to your suspected Trade Dollar, without seeing it. If you see proper to forward it to me, I will give it a very careful examination, and advise you of the result.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Geo. H. Dissmore, Esq
Des Moines.
Iowa

May 27/ 8

Sir:

We are now engaged under your directions in preparing to make reclamation upon the Adams Express Company for overcharge on the transportation of subsidiary silver coin, as specified in your instructions. It will take some time to make out an itemized bill to present to them for repayment, for their bills will have to be overhauled for more than two years past, and two or three weeks must elapse before this work can be completed. The claim must then go before the Board of Managers of the

Adams Express Company for their action.

In the meantime it is important for me to know whether I shall continue to pay the monthly bills of the Express Company for the transportation of silver, or withhold payment until a final settlement for the proposed reclamation. Please advise me in time to act upon their bill (upon the new basis) for the current month, which Mr. Thompson, the Mint Agent of the Company will present to me this week for payment.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

May 27   8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 27th inst. has been received.

The Mint receives Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, at the equivalent of the London price of silver on the day they reach the Mint; and after melting and assay to ascertain the exact value. It pays for them in U. S. legal tender dollars, but the Mint pays no freight either way. At the present price of silver in London, 53¾ d. Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint, about 91⅛ cents, each.

The standard weight of a M-ican silver dollar is 416½ grains, 900 fine, but they are not uniform in either weight or fineness, there being slight variations in both.

Very Respectfully.

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Messrs.
A. B. Hart & Co.
St Louis
Mo

May 27   8

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d inst. has been received.

The Mint receives Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, at the equivalent of the London price of silver on the day they reach the Mint, and after melting and assay to ascertain the exact value, I pay for them in U. S. legal tender silver dollars, but the Mint pays no freight either way. At the present price of silver in London, 58 1/4 d. Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint, about 97 1/8 cents, each.

The standard weight of a Mexican silver dollar is 416 1/2 grains, 900 fine

But they are not uniform in either weight or fineness, there being slight variations in bot

Very Respectfu

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr.

T. L. Willis,

Sherman

Texas

May 27   8–

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst, has been received.

The Mint will receive Mexican silver coins by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, to as-certain their exact value, pay for them by the ounce, in U. S. legal tender silver dollars, at the equ alent of the London price of silv on the day they reach the Mint. At the present price of silver bullion in London (58¼d) a M ican dollar is worth at the Mi about 91⅛ cents. There is no ch for melting, and the Mint do not pay freight either way. Th make returns in about three days after the coins are received.

The standard weight of Mexican silver dollars is 416½ grains, 900 fine. But they are not uniform in weight and fineness. There are variations in both.

U. S. 50 ¢ and 25 ¢ pieces are made for the Government only, and not for private depositors.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Wm Rankin Esq
San Antonio,
Texas

May 27 8

Sir:

The pamphlet copy of the "Regulations and Instructions" for the Mints and Assay Offices, enclosed in your letter of 18 April, last, I herewith return with the only two alterations in the tariff of charges made since it was issued, noted, in pencil, by the Assayer on page 7, division 7.

Your letter and the pamphlet were placed in the hands of the Assayer and Melter & Refiner, who have, at their leisure, submitted their views in writing, which I herewith transmit for your consideration. I agree entirely with their suggestion that some latitude of discretion should be allowed them in adjusting the tariff of charges to the character of the deposits received.

You will observe that the Melter & Refiner makes some very important suggestions with regar to the charges, and also as to the proper interpretation to be given to Sections 32 and 33 of the Act of 1873, [Sections 3531 and 3533 of the Revised Statutes.]

The other operative officers, an clerks having charge of the account and computations, have no suggestions to make.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of U.S. Mint.

May 28   8

Sir:

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in which you inform me that you do not consider it advisable to use redeemed and mutilated bronze coins in the manufacture of 1¢ pieces, because of the absence of any specific appropriation, I remark in explanation, that in the recoinage of any of the old redeemed minor coins, whether mutilated or perfect, the custom and precedent has been to carry the gain or loss into the minor coinage profit and loss account; there being no way of ascertaining the gain or by such recoinage because the coin metal must mingle with the purchased metal. This precedent has been established from the very first, and regarded by the Department as unobjectionable; the Treasurer U. S. being fully reimbursed for the coins withdrawn and melted.

In the present case, in anticipation of your sanction, I delivered to the Melter & Refiner on the 27th inst. redeemed mutilated 1¢ bronze coins to the amount of $2,740. and the same day advised the Treasurer U. S. of that fact, and requested him to draw his transfer order for that amount for the purpose stated, to reimburse his accoun-

This he has done, and up to that point the transaction is closed and cannot be undone. I had to day arranged to deliver to the Melter & Refiner $1,500. more, but upon the receipt of your letter of yesterday, I at once countermanded the order, and no further steps will be taken in that direction, without your previous approval.

We are now entirely out of metals for the 1¢ coinage, and cannot procure them, until after public advertisement, under Section 3528 of the Revised Statutes, Title XXXVII. I propose, with your approval, to advertise and purchase accordingly. Please let me hear from you on the subject at your early commenced.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S.

Would it not be advisable, under the circumstances to direct a transfer of redeemed 2 c. bronze coins, rather than incur the expense and delay of advertising and purchasing new metals. The 2 c pieces can be recoined without loss, and we need new 1 c pieces as soon as we can get them

J. P.

May 28 8

Sir,

I have appointed Miss. Elizabeth P. Jones as an Adjuster in the Coiners department of this Mint, at $1.75 per diem to take effect on the first Monday of June, proximo, (the 3rd) and submit the same for approval. The Coiners nomination of Miss. Jones is herewith enclosed.

I have made this appointment at the request of A. Louden Snowden, Esq.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

May 29 8

Sir:

I have appointed Adolph Westermaier, (who has been in charge of the Seyss Assorting Machine in the Coining room) as "Adjuster of Scales," in the general department, at $4. per diem; vice J. Tompkins, machinist, deceased; and submit the same for approval.

This appointment to take effect on the first Monday in June next, (June 8.)

Mr. Westermaier has performed the duties of this position to my entire satisfaction, ever since Mr. Tompkins' death. He is an intelligent and skilful scale maker

by trade, and is well qualified
for the place.

I have also increased the compensation of Jerry Roberson, Laborer, (colored) in the general department, from $2, to $2,50 per diem, from June 8, proximo, and submit the same for approval. He has proved himself to be one of the most faithful and deserving employes in the Mint.

Very Respectfu
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 29 8

Sir

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst, I herewith return Gold deposit memorandum No. 154, belonging to the Bullion Accounts for the First Quarter of the Calender year 1878, with the signature of the Assayer.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

May 29 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst., has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the same by the ounce fine, in U. S. legal tender silver dollars, at the equivalent of the London price of silver bullion on the day the Mexican dollars are received at the Mint. At the present price of silver in London, 50¼ d., Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint, about 91 1/8 cents, each. The Mint does not pay any freight.

The standard weight of Mexican

dollars is 416½ grains, troy, 900 fine, but, practically, they are not uniform in weight and fineness. There are frequent variations. U. S. standard silver dollars are 412½ grains, troy, 900 fine. Silver half and quarter dollars are coined for the U. S. Government only, and not for private depositors.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr
Wm. L. Jobe.
Columbus
Miss.

May 29 8

Sir.

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the sum of Fourteen thousand (14,000) Dollars, out of the appropriation for the coinage of standard silver dollars, to be applied to the expenses of that coinage at this Mint, for the month of June, 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

May 29 8

Sir

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the sum of Five Hundred (500) Dollars, in gold coin, to be applied to the expenses of the Refinery of this Mint, for the month of June, 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

May 29

Sir.

The specimens of ore enclosed in your note of the 25th inst, proves, upon examination, to be only iron pyrites, of no value.

Very Respftly
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
D. B. Walters.
Eagle Mills
Vinton Co.
Ohio

May 29 8

W. H. Bogle, Esq
Dear Sir.

The specimen of ore enclosed in your letter of the 28th inst, proves, upon examination, to be only iron pyrites, and contains no silver. It is of little or no value.

Very Respftly
Jas Pollock
Supt

Milton
Pa

May 29 8

Sir,

I herewith transmit three requisitions for money for the support of this institution for the month of June, proximo.

1. For the sum of $26,394,48, the net balance of our regular appropriations.

2. For the sum of $14,000. from the standing appropriation for the coinage of standard silver dollars.

3. For the sum of $500. in gold coin, for expenses of the Refinery.

A careful approximate estimate of our probable wants during the month of June, leads me to the conclusion that I cannot prudently draw for a less amount than the sums I have named, and I hope the requisitions will meet your approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 31st 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 24th inst, I herewith transmit C/D No. 1540, for $\$23^{\underline{18}}$ silver coin, on your currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $\$27^{\underline{70}}$ in mutilated silver 3¢ pieces, specified in your letter.

Mint Memorandum No. 214, herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon.

James Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington, D.C.

May 31st 8

Sir;

In herewith returning the enclosed receipted schedule of paper and envelopes, it is proper to remark that the envelopes are not of the size called for in my requisition, and for that reason not adapted to the purposes for whic we use them; and you sent only on fourth of the quantity called for, and needed. I ordered No 6, you sent No 5.

Very Respectfully

Jas. [illegible]

Supt

A. L. Sturtevant, Esq

Chief of Division of Stationery &c.

Treasury Department

Washington, D.C.

May 8th 8

Sir:

After examination, will you please direct the two enclosed documents to be forwarded to their destination, the Division of Stationery, Treasury Department.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Creed

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman,

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 31 8

Sir,

The sample of ore enclosed in your letter of the 27th inst, proves upon examination to be only oxide of iron, of poor quality.

Very Respy.

Jas. [illegible]

Supt.

Mr. John Leech.
Saluria.
Fulton Co.
Pa

May 31st 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 29th inst. has been received.

I am not aware of the en ment of any law to redeem silve 3¢ and 5¢ pieces, though there has been some movement in Congress that direction. The silver 3¢ pie enclosed in your letter, and her with returned, is a U. S. coin, an will be redeemable if Congress sh so declare, by law, but not otherwise.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Dir

Messrs

E. R. Post & Co.

Newburgh. N.Y.

May 31st 8

Sir.

Upon application of the Coiner, I have granted him leave of absence during next week, and at his request, I have appointed his Assistant Mr Wm S. Steel, as Acting Coiner during his absence, and submit the same for approval, under the 9th section of the Coinage Act, (Revised Statutes, Sec. 3502.)

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 31st 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for month ending May 31st 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Statement of Bullion Funds by Treasurer to Treas US May 31st 78

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215	108754
238300	0
201821	7017701
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May 31st 8

Sir:

At the close of business th day I made the usual monthly co and examination of the monies i hands of the Cashier of the Min with the following result, viz.

Gold.	$2,188,050.08
Silver.	660,826.64
Refng & Parting a/c.	156.28
Ord a/c regular.	7,360.97
Manfr of Stand Sil-dolls.	4,577.96
Minor Coinage	67,191.40
" Coins Exchanged	4,986.70
" " Reissued	84,824.00
" Coinage Redemption.	284,072.69
	$3,202,046.72

which corresponds with his books

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D C

June 1   8

Sir:

Please send me by mail, at your earliest convenience, fifty (50) copies of the Minor Coinage redemption circular, of February 7. 1877. Department No. 23. And Treasury No. 27.

Very Respectfully
Jas. E. Leach
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 1st 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter (J.W.W.) of the 28th inst, I herewith transmit C/D No. 1542, for fifty cents, in silver coin, in currency transfer account, being the bullion value of the mutilated silver coin, specified in your letter.

Mint Memorandum herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

June 1st 8

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday regarding the Certificate of Silas Paschall No. 295, I have to inform you that the signature upon our books is "Anna R. Aspinwall", which is doubtless correct. The Certificate and receipt should so read.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

R. M. Reynolds Esq
First Auditor &c.
Washington
D.C.

June 1st 8

Sir;

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 3.524.482.09 Standard Ounces.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 1 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed, for week ending June 1. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 1st 8—

Sir.

Your letter of the 28th ult. has been received.

I herewith return you some of the powder sent by you to the Mint for examination, enough to show you what it is, which you can see for yourself, by putting the end of a horse-shoe magnet into it, or if you can put it under a microscope, you will see the crystals of ironstone, quartz, sandstone &c, very prettily exhibited, but no specks of gold. There is no gold in it,

Very Respy
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr. Thos. Holland.
South Bloomingville
Ohio

June 1 8—

Sir:

Will you please advise me of the present market price of pure nickel; also of commercial nickel, and the percentage of pure metal in the latter.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Joseph Wharton, Esq

June 1.   8

Gentlemen.

Will you please advised me of the present market price of pure nickel, also of commercial nickel, and the percentage of pure metal in the latter?

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Edmund Samuel & Co.
Philadelphia.

June 1. 8

Gentlemen

Will you please advise me of the present market price of pure nickel, also of commercial nickel, and the percentage of pure metal in the latter?

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
McCoy & Co.
New York.

June 1st 8

Gentlemen.

Will you please advise me of the present market price of pure nickel, also of commercial nickel, and the percentage of pure metal in the latter?

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs.
L. Robbins & Son
New York.

Note – For another letter under date 6/1 – See pp #148
Copied by J. C. Eyster

June 3. 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward, Official oath of Miss E. C. Jones, Adjuster in the Coiners Department, this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 3d. 8

Sir.

In reply to yours of the 1st. inst asking for a statement of the approximate amount of profits on the Standard Dollars Coined to May 31st. ulto, I have to inform you that the profits will approximate $277.975—.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 3d 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 1st inst, has been received.

There is no provision of law for the redemption of subsidiary silver coin. What action Congress may take on the question, I, of course, cannot conjecture; except that it seems probable that the silver 3¢ and 5¢ pieces, will be called in, but perhaps not until the next session of Congress. These two pieces have not been coined since the 1st of April, 1873.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Everett, Waddell & Co,
Cleveland. Ohio

June 3rd 8

Sir

I hand you herewith a statement of Domestic Silver Purchased for May 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 3d 8

Sir:

I have appointed Josephine Holman, as a scrubber, in the general department of this Mint, at $1,25 per diem, and submit the same for approval. This appointment to take effect upon confirmation, and to be temporary. She is a good and deserving girl, and I can find use for her services at the present time.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

June 3d 8

Sir:

Your letter of May 30th. has been received.

Mexican coins are not a legal tender in the United States, but there is no law to prevent people from taking them if they choose to do so.

The Mint buys them by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for them in the new U. S. legal tender silver dollars, at the equivalent of the price of silver bullion in London on the day they are received at the Mint. At the present London price of silver, 53 7/8 d, Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint

about 91½ cents, each. The Mint
pays no freight.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

O. T. Bartholomew, Esq
Rockton,
Ill

June 3 8

Sir,

The following is a statement of the amount of anthracite coal delivered to this Mint, during the month of May, 1878.

Department	Amount	Size
Coiner	112. Tons	egg
Assayer	2 "	do
Melter & Refiner	38 "	Steamboat

Very Respectfully

A. L. Snowden

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 3. 8

Gentlemen,

The specimen of ore enclosed in your letter of the 28th ult. proves upon examination to be calcareous rock, with a little oxide of iron, and of no value.

Very Respfly
Jas. Pollock
Supt
per W.C.L.

Messrs.
R. C. Moore &
H. C. Fanning.
White Gate
Giles Co
Va

June 3d 8

Gentlemen:

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned until Saturday June 15th 1878, at 12 o'clock noon, for supplying this Mint with anthracite egg and steam boat coal for the period of six months beginning July 1. 1878. The coal to be of the best hard coal from the Harleigh, Hazleton, Honeybrook or Council Ridge mines, 2240 lbs to the ton, and delivered at the Mint free of expense, in such quantities as may be required from time to time. The amount used averages from four to six tons per day.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Messrs.
Braman & Bro
Philadelphia

The foregoing letter asking proposals for supplying the Mint with coal, was sent to the following dealers, viz.

Louis L. Houpt,
Geo. B. Newton & Co.
Wm. W. Alter.
J. K. Wright & Son
Ellis Branson,
Chas. Fernburg.
S. Hartranft & Co.
S. W. Hess.

June 4th 8

Sir.

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday informing me that my Requisition had been approved for expenses for the current month, for the sum of $\$26.239^{74}$, or $\$154^{74}$ less than the sum which I called for, and which appears to have been deducted from my Contingent balance due from the Appropriations. Will you please inform me what the sum of $\$154^{74}$ was used for, as I have no notice of its withdrawal.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Colcord
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

June 4th 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst, has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for them in the new U. S. legal tender dollars, at the equivalent of the price of silver bullion in London on the day they are received at the Mint. At the present London price of silver, 52 3/8 d, Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint, about 91 1/4 cts, each. The Mint pays no freight.

Trade dollars are not a legal tender, but merely stamped bullion, intended solely for the China and

East India trade, and not for home
circulation. They are worth at the
Mint, by weight as bullion, about
92 cents, each, payable in U. S. standard
silver dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Adolph Reutlinger, Esq. Prest.
Louisville
Ky

June 4th 8

Sir:

Your letter of May 30th, has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican silver coins, by weight as bullion, but not in less amount than $100. in value, and after melting and assay, pays for them in U. S. legal tender silver dollars, at the equivalent of the London price of silver, on the day they reach the Mint. At present quotations, 52 3/8 d, Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint, about 91 1/4 cents each. The Mint pays no freight.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr. Ike Epstein.
Marshall.
Texas.

June 4th --

Sir:

Referring to your letter J.[illegible] of May 27. I herewith transmit [illegible] No. 1549, for $5.34 silver coin, on yo[illegible] currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $6.78 in mutilat[illegible] silver 3¢ pieces, specified in you[illegible] letter.

Mint Memorandum No. 218, is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford

Supt

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan.
Treasurer. U. S.
Washington
D C

June 4th 8

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for Two thousand ([illegible]000) Dollars, to reimburse you for Bronze 2c. Coins withdrawn from your Redemption Fund for Coinage into 1c. pieces.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Reed
Supt.

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

See page #130.

June 1st 8

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Refiner for melting & recoinage (from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund) Two Thousand (2000) Dollars in 2 ¢ Bronz. Coin as per the following authority. Letter & telegram of the Director Ap. 24 1873

" Jany 23d 1874

" Secretary of the Treasury Oct 29 1874

" Director Dec 11 1875

" Director May 29 1878

Jas Pollock
Supt.

June 4th 8

Sir:

Your letter (without date) was received on the 1st inst.

Chemically pure nickel is not on the market, nor is there any quotation for it.

Commercial nickel rates as follows in fineness and price.

American, 98½ per cent pure nickel, $1.20 per lb.

English, 95 @ 96 per ct, costs 3 shillings per lb, in England, or $1.25 gold, per lb, in New York, duty paid.

German, 92 @ 98 per cent, costs about the same as English.

The market is unsettled at the

present time with no large transactions.

Very Respectfully
Jas [illegible]
Supt

Jno C. Peay, Esq
Little Rock
Ark

June 4 8

Sir:

In compliance with a request from Dr. Linderman, Director of the Mint, under date of the 31st of May, ultimo, I have enquired the current price of nickel, with the following results, and advise you of the same as requested by the Director.

Chemically pure nickel is not in the market, nor is there any quotation for it.

Commercial nickel rates as follows, in fineness and price.

American, 98½ per cent pure nickel, $1.20 per lb.

English, 95 @ 96 per ct, costs 3 shillings per lb, in England, or $1.25 gold, per lb, in New-York, duty paid.

German, 92 @ 98 per ct, costs about the same as English.

The market is unsettled at the present time, with no large transactions.

Very Respectfully
Jas [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
Cornelius Cole,
San-Francisco
Cal

152½

June 9th 8

Sir

I have to day received the package of Minor Coinage redemption circulars specified in your letter of the 3d inst.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 4th 8

Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 31st of May, ultimo, I have ascertained the current price of commercial nickel (pure nickel never being in the market) and to day reported the same by letter to Hon. Cornelius Cole, San Francisco, Cal, viz.

American, 98½ per cent, $\$1^{\underline{20}}$ per lb.
English, 95 @ 96, " " $\$1^{\underline{05}}$ " "
gold, in New York, duty paid.
German, 92 @ 98 per cent, about the same as English.

Market unsettled, with no large transactions.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

June 4 8

Sir:

The amount of standard silver dollars paid out at this Mint, during the month of May 1878, is as follows.

1. For silver parted from gold. $1.204.00

2. For purchases of silver bullion. $6.427.00

3. In exchange for gold coin. $ 329

Total. $7.960.00

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon. H R Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

June 4 8

Miss.
Emma M. Maxwell.

In reply to your enquiry of the 4th inst, I have to say, that there is no balance due your Father, Mr. J. C. Maxwell, on the books of the Mint,

Very Respfly,
Jas Pollock
Supt

247 S. 13th St
Phila

June 4th 8

Sir:

I hand you herewith my a/c's of Refinery and Standard Dollar Expenses for the month of May 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

June 5 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward,

1. Statement of Minor Coin redeemed, reissued and exchanged, during the Month of May 1878.

2. For the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage operations during the same month.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 5 8

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 4th inst, I herewith transmit Warrant #2, of my Bullion account for the first quarter of the present year, for minor coinage metals, made out in the name of the prop party as requested, in lieu of the one returned in your letter.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 5   8

Sir:

The Mint has no use for the old copper mentioned in your letter of the 1st inst.

I enclose the card of a dealer in old copper, to whom you might write on the subject.

Respectfully Yours

Supt

Mr.
J. T. Bailey.
Oakes.
N. C

June 5 8

Sir,

Referring to your letter (J.W.H.) of the 1st inst, I herewith transmit C/D, No. 1551, for $\$1^{\underline{20}}$ silver coin, in your currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $\$1^{\underline{50}}$ in mutilated silver 3¢ pieces specified in your letter.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
James Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

June 5 8

Sir,

I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury Cfd. No. 4525, for $\$404^{70}$ coin, on a/c Parting and Refining charges.

Very Respectfully

Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon,
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 5th 8

Sir.

By the constant use of minor Coins in the payment of Certificates of deposits, our Minor Coinage *Assets* have *decreased* in the Sum of $496.87, with a corresponding *increase* in the Silver Coinage *Assets*. May you not authorize an adjustment of these two accounts, by having the Asst. Treasurer here instructed to exchange with me for the above Sum in Silver Coin, a like Sum of U.S. Nos? If so, it would be better to make this exchange on the last day of this month.

Now that Silver Coin

Coin is circulating in Common with minor Coins, there will be no difficulty in keeping these a/cs, absolutely correct. by daily adjustments.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D. C.

June 5 8

Miss. Josephine Hohman.

You have been appointed a scrubber in the general department of the Mint at \$1.25 per diem, and will report for duty at once.

You will please take the enclosed oath of office, and bring it with you.

This appointment to be temporary.

Very Respty

Supt

June 6. 1878.

The following report by the Assayer of the N.Y. Assay Office, of the assay of Test coins issued at this Mint during May, has been handed to the Coiner, Assayer, and Melter & Refiner.

Denomination		Weight		Fineness	
		grs.	Dec.	Gold.	Silver
½ Eagle,	1.	128.	95	900.	7
" "	2.	129.	07	899.8	7
" "	3.	128.	97	899.9	7
" "	4.	129.	05	899.7	7
¼ "	1.	64.	47	899.9	5
" "	2.	64.	57	900.0	5
" "	3.	64.	45	899.9	5
" "	4.	64.	45	900.0	3
Silver Dollar,	1.			1	900.1
" "	2.			1	900.2
" "	3.			1	900.4
" "	4.			1	900.1
" "	5.			1	899.9.

W.S.P. for Supt

June 6 8

Sir,

Your letter of the 31st of May ultimo, in relation to Mr. Hosmer - increase of his pay - sickness of his wife &c, has been received.

I was was surprised that he should through his wife renew this application for an increase of pay after she had gone to the President and asked him to direct this to be done. The President referred the application to me, and I gave him a full and satisfactory explanation of the case. That should have ended it.

Perhaps there is no one in the

Mint for whom I have done more than for Hosmer, and that principally on account of his wife and her alleged sickness &c. For years I have tried to do him and his wife a service, and were it not for the sympathy I have felt for her, I would not think of giving him the compensation he now receives. It is more than others in the same Department (Cent Redemption Department, under Mr. Davis) — more competent and of greater experience are receiving for similar service; and therefore without injustice to them, and to the Government, and my convictions of duty, I cannot increase his compensation. You know him well, and you know that we agree in our estimate of his ability. He now renews the effort through my friend Senator Mathews, who would fully agree with me if he were famillhar with all the circumstances of the case.

I had already given him leave of absence, with full pay for two weeks. The time expired on Monday last when he returned, and now on account of his wifes sickness, at his request, I have given him again leave of absence for one month on half pay — this will make four weeks full pay — a favor no one else has or can receive. I can do no more. I have already done more than a true regard for the public service will justify.

I trust that this explanation

will be entirely satisfactory.

Very Respectfully

Jas Crawford

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D C

June 6 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst, with regard to the quantity and quality of coal consumed at this Mint during the months of April and May last, and the amount of coal used and coinage executed at this Mint and the Mint at San Francisco, in those months, reached me on the 5th inst.

I had already, on the 3d inst, prepared and mailed letters, to Messrs. Branson & Brother, Louis L. Houpt. Geo. B. Newton & Co, W. W. Alter, A. K. Wright & Son. Ellis Branson. Charles Fee. Wm. S. Hartranft & Co. and S. W. Hess. responsible dealers of this City, inviting

inviting sealed proposals until noon of the 15th inst, to supply the Mint with coal during the six months commencing July 1. 1878. A copy of those letters is herewith enclosed for your information. When the proposals are received they will be forwarded to you for your examination and approval.

You are right in supposing that the amount of coal consumed during the months of April and May corresponds substantially with the amount delivered. The coal was honestly delivered as reported by the different persons who keep the account, and honestly used, for there was no opportunity to otherwise dispose of it.

During the month of April, the Melter & Refiners fires were kept up from about 7 o'clock A.M. (the hour when they were first kindled) until 9 or 10 o'clock P.M. and the overtime in April is the natural and proper explanation of the difference in the consumption in April and May.

The large coinage at the Mint at San Francisco in the month of May, was doubtless owing to the fact that during the previous six weeks, when we were busy coining, they were getting out large quantities of blanks, as I am credibly informed was the case. We could do the same under similar circumstances.

You labor under a misapprehension with regard to the quality of the coal furnished. With the exception of a small quantity of unsuitable coal inadvertently delivered to the Melter & Refiner some weeks ago, and speedily rectified, the coal furnished has been, and is, of the very best quality, and there is no fault to be found on that score.

As the quality and suitableness of the coal is determined by the mine from which it comes, my impression is that experimenting with the different varieties of coal should be defered until the contract is awarded for the ensuing six months, and then let the successful bidder delivered, upon my order, from time to time, a limited quantity of coal from the several mines named, and let us determine from actual test which is of the best quality if there be any difference, and best adapted to our use. This it seems to me, is much to be preferred, less expensive, and free from uncertainty and confusion, than if we were to buy small quantities for trial, from different dealers, on the open market. The only point is to be sure that the coal supplied is of the particular variety called for, and as no contract will be made with an irresponsible party, there need be no difficulty on that point.

I have given this question of our coal supplies my personal and careful consideration both before and since the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst, and if any plan can be adopted by which to reduce the consumption of coal, increase the efficiency of the Mint, and promote the public interests, in this regard, I shall cheerfully cooperate with you in the endeavor to secure such results.

The varieties of coal named in my letter inviting proposals, are not only known in the commercial world to be A.1. in quality, but have been proven to be such by repeated experiment and trial at the Mint, so there is no room for doubt on that subject.

Very Respectfully

Jas Crawford

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D C

June 6   8

Sir.

I herewith transmit the oath of Office of Josephine Hohmann, Scrubber, in the general department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

June 7   8

Sir,

Referring to your letter of April 24th, ultimo, transmitting a sample of ore for assay and report, I herewith forward our Assayer's report of the assay of the same, as requested.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 7 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst, directing the preparation of a memorial medal for the Valley Forge Centennial celebration, was duly received.

Immediate steps were taken to carry out your instructions, and such progress has been made that we expect by the 14th inst to commence striking the medals and have them ready for delivery at the furthest by the 18th inst, in accordance with your directions.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint

June 7

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forwar
1. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during the month of May 1878.
2. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of May 1878.

Also, Statement of Gold and Silver Bars manufactured during the month of May 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

June 8   8

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst, has been received.

The half dollar you speak of, is probably a genuine coin, but mutilated and defaced. I could not judge of it accurately, however, without seeing it.

The Mint at San-Francisco was authorized by the Act of Congress of July 3. 1852. It had no previous existence.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr. G. L. Olmstead.
Shabbonas Grove.
Ill

June 8th 8

Sir;

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 3.393.556.77 Standard oz.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 8 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars, and uncurrent silver, over the counter, by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the same by the ounce fine, in U.S. legal tender silver dollars, at the equivalent of the price of silver bullion in London on the day the coins are received at the Mint. At the present London price of silver (58 7/16 d) Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint about 91½ cents each.

The standard weight of a Mexican dollar is 416½ grains, Troy, 903 fine.

The Mint does not pay freight.

Very Respectfully

Jas R Reed

Supt

N. E. Goodwin Esq. Cas.
Columbus.
Miss

June 8 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending June 8. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

June 8 8

Sir,

The ore you send to the Mint is iron pyrites, with some copper, but of no value.

Very Respy,
James Pollock
Supt
per WSF

Edwin White.
George
Montgomery Co
Ky.

June 8 8

Sir,

The ore you send to the Mint, is decomposed quartz, with mica, and of no value.

Very Respy,
James Pollock
Supt
per WSF

Mr.
R. C. Foust,
Akron,
Ohio

June 10

Gentlemen.

Your proposal of the 8th inst., to furnish in five days from this date, a new brass beam for coining Press No. 11. for the sum of three hundred (300) dollars, and the old beam, has been accepted; and you will please furnish the required beam accordingly, on the terms and within the time specified.

Very Respectfully,

Messrs.
[illegible] Hess & Morgan
No. 1219 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia

June 10 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 7th inst, has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars, and other uncurrent silver coins, by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for them, by the ounce fine, in U. S. legal tender silver dollars, at the equivalent of the London price of silver, on the day the coins are received at the Mint. At the present price of silver in London, (53 7/16 d) a Mexican dollar is worth at the Mint about 91 1/2 cents. The Mint pays no freight. The standard weight of a Mexican dollar is 416½ grains, 900 fine.

For the annual list of the value of foreign coins, your application should be made to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs.
Goodridge, Field & Co.
Norfolk,
Va.

June 10 8

Sir:

I have received your letters of the 7th and 8th inst, with regard to future contracts for coal.

In answer to the implied reflection upon the official head of this institution in regard to the opening of sealed proposals to furnish coal, it is proper to state the fact for your information, that the bids for any given period have always all been opened at the same time, by myself, in the presence of my chief clerk, and sometimes of the book-keeper, also.

The bids, being in writing, speak for themselves, and have always been forwarded to you for final action. There has never been any collusion, or unfairness, in the matter, nor, it seems to me, any possibility of any. It has never been customary in the Mint to invite bidders to be present at the opening of proposals, and I do not see any benefit to be derived from the practice if adopted now, but, I would suggest this modification. Let Mr. M. V. Davis, be present at the opening of these bids, as your special representative; or let him take entire charge of the proposals, and open and forward them to you, for your consideration.

It does not occur to me that we would be any safer for the quality of the coal, in the hands of the appointed agent of the mine, than we would be with the Contractor; on the contrary, probably not so much so. The contractor is the party with whom we deal, and whom we hold responsible, and whose direct interest in the contract is an incentive to fidelity. We would have no such hold upon the agent of the mine.

As already stated in my letter of the 6th inst, as soon as the bid for the ensuing six months has been awarded, and the contract signed, I will immediately proceed, in conjunction with the Melter & Refiner, and the Coiner, to test the quality of the coal, as directed, and report the result to you.

I have temporarily placed Mr. John A. Grier, a man of approved character, at the place where the coal is received from the carts, at the east side of the Mint, as an additional and special witness of the amount actually delivered from day to day, and have assigned Mr. F. C. Garrigues to the same duty, at the west side of the Mint

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D C

June 10   8

Sir:

I have received a Treasury draft for $14,000. for "wages" for the current month, from the appropriation for the manufacture of standard silver dollars; and a draft for $500. in gold coin, for expenses of the Refinery; but have not yet received a draft for the net balance of our regular appropriations for the present fiscal year, as per my requisition as approved.

We need money very urgently for contingent expenses, and I write to ask if you can take any steps to hasten the transmission of the expected draft for "Salaries Wages and Incidentals".

It is better to pay all bills on presentation, and I do not wish to send any one away for want of funds, and leave them in any uncertainty as to the exact time of payment. Some heavy bills are due, and may be presented at any moment.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 11 8

Sir,

Your requisition of the 10th inst, for thirty (30) obverse and thirty (30) reverse dies for standard silver dollars, for the Mint at Carson, has been received and communicated to the Engraver, who states that they can be forwarded in about a week from this date.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

June 11   8

Sir

I have the honor to report that the Superintendent has been called out of town on special business, and expects to be absent until Saturday next.

Very Respectful
H S Hickok
Acting Sup

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

June 11 8

Sir,

A Treasury draft for $\$26,239^{74}$ the net balance of our general appropriations for the support of this Mint, for the current fiscal year, came to hand this morning.

Very Respectfully

Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

June 11th 8

Sir:

I send you herewith my a/c of Ordinary Expenses for the Month of May 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 13 8

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst, I herewith return the Statement of the Supt's Disbursing Account dated May 31. verified by my official signature; the Supt being temporarily absent. If not now in due form, please advise me.

Very Respectfully

H C Hackett

Acting Supt

Recalled &

destroyed

HCH

W. G. White, Esq

Acting Asst Treasr U.S.

New York.

June 14 8

Sir:

The C/D of the 12th inst, No. 371, from the Asst Treas. U. S. at Boston, in favor of your Bank, for $1000, enclosed in your letter of the 11th inst, to hand this morning, is herewith returned. It should have been transmitted to the Treasurer U. S. at Washington D. C. as you will see by the directions on the left hand margin, and the enclosed circular. The Mint only issues subsidiary silver coins upon a transfer order received by the Superintendent from the Treasurer U. S.

In forwarding the C/D. to Washington, you should be careful to specify in your letter to the Treasurer, the amount and kind of coins yo want, so that he can make no mistake in his transfer order, in your favor, on the Mint.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

S. H. Norman, Esq. Cas.
Natl Ex. Bank
Newport
R. I.

June 14   8

Miſs. E. T. Leeds.
Wilmington, Del.

Your letter of the 10th inst, has been received.

The Mint has coined a large number of $2½ gold pieces, this year, and might, as a special accommodation, furnish you one in exchange for another gold coin of equal value, although it is not our practice to make such exchanges.

We could not furnish you one of 1846, nor strike one with the head omitted. It would be a violation of law to do the latter.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

June 14 8

Sir.

As requested in your letter of the 13th inst. I herewith transmit C/D. of this date, No. 4681, for $7 72 on account of our contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, to cover bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department, against this Mint, for the month of May, 1878.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hicks
Acting Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 14 8–

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst, an
the bag of 84 silver pieces by Express,
are at hand.

Silver coins are not redeemable,
nor can they be exchanged for silver
coins of the new issue.

We could receive them by weight,
as bullion, and after melting and assay
pay for them, by the ounce fine, in the
new silver dollars, at the equivalent
of the London price of silver bullion,
you paying freight both ways.
But you would lose 15 to 20 per cent
by the operation. We do not generally
receive any deposit of less value
than $1.00.

The coin will be retained by the Express Company until I receive your instructions what to do with them. Let me hear from you.

Very Respectfully
H. S. Hickok
Acting Supt

S. W. Yost. P. M.
Staunton
Va

June 15 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending June 15th 187

Very Respectfully

Jas. Beloe

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman,

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 15 8

Sir:

Your note of the 12th inst, arrived during my absence from the city. It is not our rule to preserve and return recommendations for appointments in the Mint, they are much too numerous, and would require the services of an additional clerk. In this case, however, I have found the letters in behalf of Mr Rootes, after diligent search, and to oblige you, herewith return them as requested.

Very Resp
Jas. Pol

A. Hyde, Esq
Washington
DC

June 15th 8

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 12th inst, arrived during my absence from the city.

I regret that you consider yourself disobliged by my inquiry as to the price of nickel. It was done under instructions from the Department at Washington, for account of Hon. Cornelius Cole, San Francisco, Cal. The Mint is not using nickel at all at present in the manufacture of coins.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs.
C. Robbins & Son.
New York

June 15th 8

Sir;

The Approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 3.084.892.61 Standard Ounces.

3,084,892.61

Very Respectfully

Jas Crawford

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 15th 8

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director.
Sir;

In pursuance of your instructions, I have had prepared the dies for the Valley Forge Centennial Medal, and have the honor to forward you herewith, One (1) of these Medals struck in Silver, and One (1) struck in Bronze. The price of the Silver we have fixed at $1.50, and the Bronze, 25 cents, to the Committee. When these medals are placed on our regular list for sale, they will cost more.

Please send me, for Coin, $1.30 for the above Silver medal - its intrinsic value.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

Superintendent

Please notify the proper parties that these medals will be ready for delivery on Tuesday next by 2 oclk P.M.

June 15th 8

To the

Committee in charge of the
Valley Forge Centennial Celebration,
Phoenixville - Pa.

Gentlemen -

The medals struck in commemoration of the Centennial of Valley Forge, will be ready for delivery, by 2 o'clk Tuesday afternoon next.

Those struck in bronze will cost 25 cts a piece, and those in silver $1.50.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent.

June 17 8

Sir.

Your postal card of the 14th inst. is received.

The die prepared by Mr. Morgan was adopted for the silver 412½ gr. dollar. Another design was prepared by Mr. Barber, Engraver of the Mint, which was not adopted. A few specimens were struck from the "Barber" die, which were mostly sent to the Treasury Department at Washington, but none are left for sale by the Mint or exchange.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Mr. L. H. Pierce.
Hartford. Ct.

June 7   8

Sir:

I herewith return the box of least current gold coin weights, for the Collector of Customs Boston, left for adjustment with Troy lb. & weights of the Mint, with the certificate of our adjuster of scales & weights.

Very Respy

Jas Pollock
Supt

Henry Troemner. Esq
Phila

June 17 8

Meriden Flint Glass Co:

We have received no goods from your Company, and there is no account between us.

On the 6th April, as per rect., we paid $19.85 to S. G. Boughton, formerly of 700 Arch St. Phila., now at 46. E. Fourteenth St. N.Y. for bottles which we believe he procured from your manufactory.

Respectfully
J. A. Colcock
Supt.

June 17 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 14th inst. has been received.

I am not aware of the passage of any Act for the retirement of the silver 3¢ and 5¢ silver pieces and it is not therefore, in my power to give you any directions on the subject.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
Geo. Urban & Co.
Buffalo,
N.Y.

June 17th 8

Sir;

Your letter of the 14th inst,
enclosing two specimens of the st n
dard silver dollar, has been rec d
The first dies for this doll
were got out in great haste on a
count of the pressure of the pre
public demand for this coin, an
the artist has made slight cha
es since to perfect the design, w
accounts for the difference in the
two specimens enclosed in your
letter, both of which are genuine
coins, and are herewith returned
you. The design was prepared
and perfected under the supervi
and authority of the Director of

Mint, at Washington, to whom I will forward a copy of your letter, and of this reply.

Very Respectfully,

Jas Pollock,

Dir.

Mr.

Geo. G. Richardson.
Cambridge Port
Mass.

June 17 8

Sir:

The nugget of silver by Express, melted coin belonging to a poor woman whose house was burned, specified in your letter of the 10th inst, netted $11.25 in currency, which amount Mr. Thompson, the Mint Clerk of the Adams Express Co, informs me will forward to you to day.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

June 17 8

Sir

All the sealed proposals sen in to supply this Mint with coal for the six months ending December 31. 1878, were opened this mor ing by myself, in the presence and with the assistance of yo special representative, Mr. M. Davis, and my Chief Clerk, an W. C. Pollock, to whom I referr the proposals for examinatio and report. I herewith transmit all the proposals, six in num together with a schedule of th same, and the report of the Co mittee, showing that 1st Char Hemberg, at $4.70 per ton, and

Samuel Hess, at $4.80 per ton, are relatively, the lowest bidders.

The proposals are respectfully referred to you for such action with regard to the same, as may seem to you right and proper. only adding that as the time is short, the successful bidder should have early notice of the acceptance of his proposal, that he may make timely arrangements for the prompt and satisfactory delivery of the coal.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

June 18 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter, (J. W. W.) of the 10th inst, I herewith transmit C/D. No. 1569, for $6.26 on Currency transfer a/c being the bullion value of $7.22 in mutilated silver pieces, specified in yr. letter.

Very Respect'y,

Hon.
James Gilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

June 18   8

Sir:

Thirty (30) obverse, and Thirty (30) Reverse dies for standard silver dollars, have this day be forwarded to the Mint at Cars by the Adams Express Compan in full of your requisition for the same, under date of the 10 inst, Express receipt herein enclosed.

Very Respectf

To

H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

June 18 8

Sir

I have frequent inquiries as to the genuiness of different specimens of the standard silver dollar issued under successive stages of improvement in the dies. I herewith transmit for your information a copy of the latest correspondence on the subject.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

June 18   8

Sir.

I have received and delivered to the Coiner $1^{30} enclosed in your letter of the 17th inst, in payment, at the intrinsic value, of one Valley Forge Centennial medal in silver.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 18 8

Dear Sir

The mineral you send does not seem to indicate gold, but if you wish it tried, the expense of the operation must be paid, which is five dollars.

Respy yours

Supt.

Mr S. P. Etter
Anniston
Calhoun Co.
Alabama

June 18   8

Gentlemen.

Your note of the 14th inst, was duly received, and referred to our Assayer, who reports that the first assay of your deposit showed only a trace of gold, not enough to pay. On receipt of your note, the deposit was remelted and remixed, and on re-assay shows the same fineness as to silver, and two thousandths as to gold. This will pay about $1,80, after charges, which will be settled for, whenever it may be convenient for you to call and get it. Your idea of "15 to 20 per cent" of gold is entirely in error.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Messrs.

H. Muhrs Sons.

Philadelphia

June 18 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst, was duly received.

The four bags of 5¢ copper-nickel coins sent to you, contained their full complement of $50. each, and if there be any deficiency it has happened after the bags left the Mint. These coins are always counted twice on counting boards, expressly constructed for the purpose, which are mathematically and mechanically accurate, and with which it is impossible to make a mistake. The counting is done by, and in the presence of several experienced and careful employes of the Mint, and immediately bagged.

There was no error in the count here. Your method of counting by hand, and at intervals, is very uncertain and unreliable.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

J. S. Gillmore, Esq. Cas.
Moline.
Ill.

June 18 8

Dear Sir

The Assayer reports upon your package of Ore, marked No. 2, as follows:

Four hundred & fifty ounces of silver per ton of 2000 lbs.

No gold.

Mint charge $5. paid.

Supdt.

Mr L. J. Webster

June 18 8

Dear Sir

The Assayer reports upon your sealed package of Ore, as follows:

Four hundred and eighty ounces of silver, per ton of 2000 lbs.

No gold. (480 ozs.)

Mint charge $5. paid.

Supdt.

L. J. Webster Esq.

June 18 8

Dear Sir

I judge from your letter that you wished two separate Certificates, and therefore send in that way.

Respy yours

Jas. [illegible]

Supt.

L. I. Webster Esq
Globe City
Pinal County
Arizona

June 18th 8

Sir;

I have received from your office "Transfer Letter" Nos. 3089 - dated June 3. 1878 for 1.000 Standard Silver Dollars, to be forwarded to First National Bank, Franklin Penna and 3090, dated June 5th 1878, for 2,000 - ½ Dolls and 1.000 - ¼ Dolls. - total 3.000 - to be forwarded to First National Bank, Bangor, Maine - which were paid under dates June 5th and 6th 1878 respectively, and delivered to Adams Express Co. for transmission to destination, as directed.

I have also received duplicate numbers of the above - but with different dates, points of shipment & amounts, as follows viz; No 3089 - dated June 14. 1878, for 2,000 - ½ Dolls;

2,000

2.000 - 1/2 Dolls and 1.000 Dimes - total $5.000 - to be forwarded to Second National Bank St. Paul, Minn — And No 3090 dated June 15th 1878, for 2.000 1/2 Dolls and 1.000 1/4 Dolls — total $3.000 to be forwarded to Bank of Hopkinsville, Hopkinsville, Ky — These have likewise been paid under dates June 15 & 17, 1878 respectively, and the proper amounts delivered to Adams Express Co as in the former cases.

You will please notice that the first No 3089, calls for Standard Silver Dollars — while the second one, for Subsidiary Coin, with different date, Amt &c — Also that the first and second Nos 3090 are alike as to the amount and kind of Silver Coin, but different as to dates and point of shipment &c.

J.

3.

I would respectfully request that you give this matter your prompt attention, and notify me if any change is made.

The error, if any, arises from a duplication of the same numbers, and may be, merely clerical.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas Gilfillan
Treas U.S.
Washington
D.C.

June 18 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit for your information, a duplicate report by Prof. Booth, our Melter & Refiner, on the quality of coal best adapted for melting bullion; dated May 8. 1878. and received by me on the 11th inst.

Some of the blistering referred to in the report, you will remember was caused by the inferior quality of the bullion received from New York.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

June 19th 8

Sir;

Your letter of the 17th inst has been received,

The box has been received by the Mint Agent of the Adams Express Co, who will hold it until it can be disposed of as directed.

The Mint will close to-morrow the 20th inst for the "Annual Settlement", and will not re-open for business until July 5th and for this reason the Treasury Dept at Washington has directed us to suspend the purchase of Silver Bullion, payable in the new Silver dollars until further notice

James P. Turner Esq
Cincinnati.
Ohio

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Actg Supt

June 19th 8

The Cashier will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for melting and recoinage, from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund. Two Thousand (2000.) Dollars in 2¢ Bronze coin, as per the following authority viz:

Letter & Telegram of the Director		Apr 24th 1873
Do	"	Jany 23d 1874
Do Secretary of the Treasury		Oct 29th 1874
Do Director		Dec 11th 1875
Do	Do	May 29th 1878.

H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

June 19th 8

Sir:

Please draw your Transfer Order for Two thousand (2,000) Dollars, to reimburse you for Bronze 2c Coin withdrawn from your "Minor Coinage Redemption Fund" for coinage into One (1)c pieces

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Actg Supt

Hon Jas Gilfillan
Treas U.S.
Washington
D.C.

June 20   8

Sir:

The U. S. fiscal year closes on the 30th of June, It is important therefore that your bill against the Mint for the present month of June should be presented for payment immediately after the close of the month. Hereafter, in making out your bills, quarterly, which you seem to prefer, please do us the kindness to let the quarters be those of the calander year, instead of irregular months.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Wm. Carley, Esq. Ca:
Western Union Tel Co.
Philadelphia.

June 20 –

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. has been received.

The smallest commercial gold bar we make, requires five ounces of gold bullion, and is worth about One Hundred (100) dollars in gold coin.

You can doubtless buy them of bullion brokers in New York City, as well as in Philadelphia. I enclose the card of the principal dealers in this city, but do not know their prices.

Very Respectfully,

Mr. Forbes Monson.
Gowanda.
N.Y.

H C Hickok
Supt

June 20 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit C/D No. 1572, for seventy eight cents, (78¢) on currency transfer account, the bullion value of 99¢ in mutilated silver 3¢ pieces, specified in your letter (J.W.W.) of the 14th inst.

Mint Memorandum No. 247, also enclosed.

Very Respectfully,
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D C

June 20 8

Sir,

I herewith transmit statements of the Melter & Refiners Bullion Operations and Gold and Silver melting, for the month of May, 1878. Also an explanatory letter from that Office.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickes

Acting Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 20th 8

Sir:

I am in receipt of your (C. F.) letter of 19th inst advising me of changes made in your Office of the Numbers of Transfer Letters; viz No 3090. June 15th 1878 Bk of Hopkinsville Ky - to No 3090½ - also No 3091. June 17th 1878 - Foster & Co Fostoria, Ohio, to No 3091½. and requesting me to make the same changes on the letters and books of my Office - And in reply would state that the same has been done this day as requested.

I still have [illegible] the Nos 3089 referred to in my letter of 18th inst.

Hon Jas Gilfillan
Treas U.S.
Washington D.C.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Actg Supt

June 20 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 19th inst, has been received.

Under authority from the Secretary of the Treasury, we have been buying silver coins, such as you designate, by weight as bullion, under the terms of the enclosed circular, and paying for them, by the ounce fine, in the new silver dollars. But the Mint closes tomorrow for the annual settlement, and will not reopen for business until July 5. For this reason the Department has suspended our authority to purchase silver until further notice.

We do not coin subsidiary silver for private depositors, but only for the Government

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

J. J. Nicholson & Son.
Baltimore
Md

June 20   8

Sir:

The Asst. Treasurer U. S. at Baltimore, Md. has forwarded to the Mint by the Adams Express Co. $190 50/100 tale value, in light gold coin, Transfer order No. 5120, dated June 17th inst.

What disposition shall we make of this gold? The Express Co. retains it in custody, until we are advised what to do with it.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Supt

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.

June 21st 8

Sir.

Can you conveniently give me the date of the act terminating the coinage of the silver twenty (20) cent piece?

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 21st 8

The Cashier will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for Melting & recoinage (from the Minor Coin Redemption) Fund, Two Thousand (2000) Dollars in two (2) cent Bronze coin, as per the following authority, Viz:

Letter & telegram of the Director of the Mint April 24th 1878
Do Do Jany 28th 1874
Do Secretary of the Treasury Oct. 29th 1874
Do Director Dec. 11th 1875
Do Do May 29th 1878

Jas Pollock
Supt

June 21st 8

Sir:

Please draw your Transfer Order for Two Thousand (2000) Dollars to reimburse you for a like amount of Two (2) ¢ Bronze coin withdrawn from your "Minor Coinage Redemption Fund" for re-coinage into One (1) ¢ Pieces.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon Jas Gilfillan
Treas U.S.
Washington
D.C

June 22d 8

The Cashier will deliver to the Melter & Refiner for melting and recoinage (from the Minor coin Redemption) Fund Twelve Hundred and Sixty (1260) Dollars in 2¢ Bronze coin as per the following authority

Viz: Letter & Telegram of the	Director	April 24th 1873
Do	Do	Jany 23d 1874
Do Secretary of the Treasury		Oct 29th 1874
Do	Director	Dec. 11th 1875
Do	Do	May 29th 1878

Jas Pollock
Supt.

June 22 8

Gentlemen.

Sealed proposals, endorsed "Proposals for Acids," will be received by the undersigned until Thursday the 27th of June inst, for supplying this Mint with the following acids for the six months beginning July 1. 1878.

1. Best commercial Oil of vitriol of 66° Beaumé.

2. Parting Nitric Acid, of 40° B. and free from sulphuric and muriatic acids, and from iron salts.

3. Best commercial Aqua fortis of 36° B.

4 Best commercial Muriatic Acid

of 21c lb.

The articles to be supplied at such times and in such quantities as may be ordered by the Melter & Refiner of the Mint.

If your proposal should be accepted, the delivery of thes articles to be suspended, and t contract to cease upon notice from me, of any deficiency in the quality of the supplies.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
Powers & Weightman.
9th & Parrish Sts.
Phila

The same letter asking for proposals for supplying the Mint with acids, was sent, also, to Charles Lennig, Savage, Keyser & Stovell, and Charles J. Cresson,

WCP for Supt

June 22 8

Sir,

Enclosed I forward, Coinens Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending June 22. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 22 8

Sir,

Your letter of the 18th inst, returning the proposals to supply this Mint with coal for the ensuing six months, arrived during my temporary absence from the city.

Mr. Hernberg's proposal being indefinite, the contract will be awarded, under the discretion you allow me, to Samuel W. Hess, excluding the Melter & Refiner's department from its operations, as you direct, and providing in the contract, before signing, for a satisfactory test of each of the three remaining varieties of coal named in my letter inviting proposals; and also that the particular variety of coal to be used from time to time, shall be optional with the Mint and not with the contractor, according to our uniform understanding and practice heretofore.

As directed by you, the Melter & Refiner will hereafter select and order the coal for his department under paragraph 3, page 22, of the printed pamphlet, "Instructions and Regulations for the transaction of business at the Mint."

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint

June 22d 8

Sir:

In reply to your (T F) letter of 21st inst – notifying me of change made in your office of the number of Transfer Letter No 3089. issued June 3d 1878. First Nat Bank Franklin Pa, for $1.000 Standard Silver Dolls – to No 1 of the Stand Silv: Dol Series of Transfer Letters, and requesting me to make the same change in the letter & books of my Office – I have to state that the same has been made this day as requested

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon Jas Gilfillan

Tr U.S.

Washington

D.C.

June 22d 8

Sir;

The Approximate Amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 2.727.925.31 Standard Ounces.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 22d 8

Sir;

Please draw your Transfer Order for Twelve hundred & Sixty (1260) Dollars — to reimburse you for a like amount of Bronze Two (2) ¢ Coin, withdrawn from your "Minor Coinage Redemption Fund" for re-coinage into Bronze One (1) ¢ Coin.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon James Gilfillan
Treas U.S.
Washington
D.C.

June 22 8

Sir,

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in reference to Prof. Booth's report of May 6. to June 11th, on the quality of coal supplied to his department, it is due to myself to state the fact that his report was news to me, and until that document was sent in, I was never before, within the period embraced in his report, advised by him of any defect in the quality of the coal furnished. Your censure is, therefore, misdirected when applied to me. In a single instance, some months ago, I was informed by Mr.

Garrigues, foreman of the gold melting room, that an inferior quality of coal was being supplied, and this was immediately stopped, and the best quality furnished thereafter.

I told Prof. Booth yesterday that he had never said one word to me about bad coal supplied to his department; and he had no reply to make to my assertion.

I find upon careful inquiry that the coal supplied to the Coiners department has been of the best quality, gets up steam readily, and is entirely satisfactory.

I have to add further that the coal for the Coiners department is frequently weighed, and is always

always found to be over weight. The same result is reported to me from the Melter & Refiners side, also.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 22 8

Sir,

In compliance with your directions of the 18th inst, I will as soon as may be practicable, ascertain the cost of having a platform scales placed in position ready for use on the Melter & Refiners side of the Mint, and also on the Coiners side; but the latter would have to be placed in the pavement on Juniper street, which could not be done without an ordinance of City Councils, who are not now in session, and I think will not be again until September.

As that part of Juniper street leads by a short cut, from one of our most important streets to the New City Hall, in which all our Courts, City departments and County officers will be soon located, (some are there now) it is very doubtful whether Councils will permit the pavement to be thus encumbered.

I will give the matter due attention.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

June 24   8

Sir,

Your letter of June 20th has been received.

The bag of nickels, and the small bag of 1¢ pieces sent you, contained their full complement of coins when they left the Mint and if there be any deficiency it has happened after the bags left the Mint. These coins are always counted twice on counting boards, expressly constructed for the purpose which are mathematically and mechanically accurate, and with which it is impossible to make a mistake. The counting is done by and in the presence of several experienced and careful employes of the Mint, and immediately bagged.

There was no error in the count here.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Mr. John Paley, Cashier.
Lanark
Ills

June 24 8_

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 20th inst has been received.

At the present price of silver in London, Mexican dollars, are worth by weight as bullion, about 91/4 cents each, in new silver dollars; but our authority to buy them has been suspended by the Treasury Department until further notice.

Very Respectfully

Jas. C. Hood

Supt.

Messrs.

J. B. Wilgus & Co.

Lexington.

Ky

June 24th 8

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for Fifty thousand (50.000) Dollars to reimburse you for minor Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and reissued

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

June 24 8

Sir,

The ore enclosed in your letter of the 2d inst, proves, upon examination, to be only iron ore, of good quality.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

June 24 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d inst, has been received.

U. S. silver coins are not redeemable, and I cannot suggest any way to get rid of your supplies, except to circulate them.

Our practice latterly has been to buy Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pay for them by the ounce fine, in the new legal tender silver dollars, at the equivalent of the London price of silver; but my authority to make these purchases has recently been suspended by the

Treasury Department, until further notice. At the present price of silver in London (50 d) Mexican dollars would be worth about 90¾ cents, each.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Henry Hunter, Esq. Cas.
Louisville
Ky

June 24th 8

Sir

Under your instructions of the 21st inst, and those of the Treasurer U.S. same date, I hand you herewith a statement of the recoinage of \$193.^{50} light gold coin received from the Asst Treasurer U.S. Baltimore, Md.

Until further advised I shall carry the above in the Recoinage a/c, of the Treasurer U.S. at \$190^{88}, and will thank you to instruct me as early as possible as to the final disposition thereof. It has been the custom to carry such items from the Recoinage a/c to the Bullion Fund, leaving the loss to be settled by the Treasurer of the U. S. Please advise me, in time to embrace the transaction in the settlement June 29th 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawf
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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June 24 8

Sir,

Your postal card of the 18th inst, has been received.

Your package with your instructions inside, and your name and residence on the outside of it, should be addressed "U. S. Mint, Philadelphia." But you need not send it now, because my authority to purchase silver has been suspended by the Treasury Department until further notice, and the law does not permit me to coin silver for private parties.

Very Respectfully

Mr.

L. H. Brown,
Cuthbert, Ga.

Supt.

(Telegram)

June 25th 1878.

Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Ninety thousand dollars can be covered in as standard silver dollar profits.

H C Hickok
Acting Supt

June 26— 8—

Madam.

Your letter of the 19th inst, has been received.

Silver coins are made for the U. S. Government only, and not for private depositors. We have lately been buying silver on the terms of the enclosed circular, and after melting and assay pay for it by the ounce fine, in the new silver dollars, at the equivalent of the London price of silver; but my authority to make such purchases has been suspended by the Treasury Department until further notice. We do not pay in currency.

I could convert your silver in to

fine bars, and the Express Agt could perhaps sell them for currency, if you so direct, and remit you the proceeds, but what pri he could get for them I do not know

Very Respectfully
Jas. H. [illegible]
Supt

Mrs. J. P. Erskine.
Quincy
Ill

June 25 8

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 19th inst, I herewith transmit C. D. in duplicate, No. 202, in the name of Cyrus Northrup, Collector of Customs at New Haven, for $64.02 in gold coin, the net recoinage of $65. light coin specified in your letter. You will please acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Mint Memorandum No. 796, is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Dr

E. Pendleton, Esq

Depy Collector

New Haven Ct

June 25th 8

Sir

In reply to you letter of yesterday asking what amount of profits on Standard Silver Dollars can be covered into the Treasury, I have to inform you that the Sum of Ninety thousand (90000) Dollars can be transfered, and to expedite business, telegraphed you this a.m. to that effect.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Telegram)

June 25. 1878.

Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

We need at least Ten thousand (10,000) dollars on standard silver dollar a/c at once to pay wages. Please start the draft in time to reach us before the 29th inst, letter by mail.

Jas Crawford
Supt

June 26th

Sir.

I herewith transmit a bill in duplicate of Wm Struthers & Sons of this City, for $71.70 for work done and materials furnished to the Mint in the years 1873-74-75-and 76, but never paid, for reasons stated in their accompanying letter, and the Coiner's letter of this date, herewith enclosed. As I have no funds applicable to this bill, I refer the question of payment to you for solution.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

June 25 8

Sir

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor as Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia for the sum of Ten thousand (10,000) dollars, to meet expenditures for the present month, June, 1878, on account of the appropriation for the manufacture of standard silver dollars, with which I am to be charged and held accountable under my bond dated April 1. 1873.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

June 25 8

Sir.

As intimated in my telegram to you of this date, I herewith transmit my requisition of this date for the sum of $10,000. from the appropriation for the coinage of standard silver dollars to be applied to the payment of wages for the present month, June. This amount is necessary, and it is essential that a draft for the amount should reach me by the 29th inst at furthest.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

June 25 8

Sir:

Your letters of the 19th and 24th insts were duly received

I have not been able to deliver to Adolfh van Schemling, Esq. the letter for him enclosed in your letter of the 19th, for the reason that he has not made his appearance here, nor have we any knowledge of him, or of the three other parties named in your letter of the 24th inst, nor of the deposit of which you speak.

What disposition shall I make of the letter for Mr. van Schemling

Very Respectfully

Jas. Riuel

Daniel B. Dudley, Esq.
New York

June 26 8

Sir,

Your note of the 24th inst, has been received.

I do not recollect expressing any wish with regard to the coin you describe, but as we have no funds for the purpose, I could not buy it even if so inclined.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
M. H. Morson.
Cambridge City
Ind

June 26 8

Sir.

Your requisition of the 25th inst, for 24 Obverse, and 24 Reverse dies for Standard silver dollars for the Mint at San-Francisco, has been received. They will be ready to ship on Friday of this week, and the Engraver informs me that he can forward thirty six (36) pair of these dies at that time, if it should be agreeable to you to have the additional twelve pair sent with the 24 pair ordered. Please advise me on this point by return mail.

Hon. Very Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

June 26 8

Sir:

I will thank you for a statement of the annual appropriations for this Mint, for the ensuing fiscal year, as they finally passed both Houses, that I may have them entered on our books.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 27 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th inst, has been received.

Mexican dollars are not a legal tender; and at the present price of silver in London, are worth by weight as bullion, about 90½ cents each. The Mint is not buying silver at present, and makes silver coins for the U. S. Government only, and not for private depositors. The standard weight of Mexican dollars is 416½ grains, 900 fine.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Creed

Supt.

J. P. Treat Esq

Kansas City

Mo.

June 27 8

Sir,

Was any provision made by Congress for the retirement of the silver 3¢ and 5¢ pieces? I am asked the question by almost every mail.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 28

Sir,

Your letter of the 27th inst. has been received.

The Mint coins gold for depositors on the terms of the enclosed circular, but not in amounts less than $100.

The Mint is not buying silver at present, and only makes silver coins for the U. S. Government, not for private depositors.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Mr. A. F. Jahnke
Richmond
Va.

June 28 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst, has been received.

As an accommodation, the Mint will make an assay of the two quartz specimens you speak of, and the char will be $5 prepaid, for each specimen assayed, to cover the cost of the operation. The assay can probably be made in about two wee after the quartz comes to hand. The pieces should not be pulverized.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr
H. R. Bartleson.
Macomb. Ills

June 28 8

Sir:

In pursuance of your requisition of the 25th inst, enlarged by your letter of the 27th inst, I have this day forwarded to the Supt of the Mint at San-Francisco, by the Adams Express Co,

36 Obverse, and
36 Reverse

dies for standard silver dollars. They can very readily be spared.

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Supt

June 29, 1878.

The following report of the Assayer of the N.Y. Assay Office, of the assay of test coins issued at this Mint during June 1878.

Denomination,	Weight.	Fineness	
	Grs dec.	Gold.	Silver
Three Dollars	77.35	899.9.	3
" "	77.35	900.	3
" "	77.37	900.	3
Quarter Eagle	64.47	900.3	2
" "	64.56	900.3	2
" "	64.54	900.	3.
" "	64.52	900.1	3
Silver Dollar	412.75	½	90
" "	413	.1	901.1

has been handed to the Assayer, Coiner, and Melter & Refiner.

Jas. Pollock
Supt.
per W. F. S

June 29

Sir.

The verified copy of your telegram of the 27th inst to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, inadvertently enveloped to this Mint, was immediately remailed to the Mint at San Francisco.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 29 8

Sir.

The silver ten cent piece kindly enclosed in your letter of the 26th inst, has been received.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
[illegible]

J. W. Avery, Esq. &c.
Lynchburg,
Va.

June 29 8–

Sir

I herewith transmit my requisition of this date, for the sum of $34,500, for the support of this Mint for the month of July 1878, out of the following appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879.

Salaries	$3,500.
Wages	25,000.
Incidentals	6,000.

This is very nearly the average monthly proportion, and I am anxious that the requisition shall be marked "Special," and the draft forwarded to me at the earliest practicable moment, to enable our workmen, and employes to take their annual vacation early in the month, under comfortable circumstances, that will add to their cheerful efficiency and zeal on their return. Most of them cannot go conveniently, except upon the wages due in July.

You understand the situation of affairs here, and can fully appreciate the point I make in behalf of our employes, and I hope that my request may not be regarded as unreasonable. My accounts for the month and year just closing, will of course be promptly forwarded, and in correcshape. There need be no difficulty on that score.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 29th 8

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 27th. inst. has been received, and the Coiner has been directed to furnish you the monthly and annual statements of Coinage, as requested, for the purpose stated in your note.

Yours Truly

Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Edw. Sparks Esq
Chief Reporter Local Press Assoc'n.
107 So. 3rd St.,
Philadelphia.

June 29th 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th. inst. has been received. The Mint is not buying silver at present, and does not make silver coins for private depositors, but only for the U.S. Government. At the present price of silver in London, Mexican dollars are worth, by weight, as bullion, about 90½ cents each.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent.

S. A. Wilson, Esq.
Cashier Muncie Natl Bank,
Muncie, Ind.

June 29th 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit a Statement of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the current month, June; and also a Statement of the same for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1878; also weekly Statement.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

N. Bullion Fund Statement
by Denominations –

To Treasurer U.S.

Philada June 29th 78

2885206 44
2798528 69
1623820 88
2619248 43

9925804 38

765000 00
47000 00
524500 00
433000 00
387000 00
221822 00
10785 50
73439 94

2885206 44

112650 00
189900 00
139100 00
1802429 00
0 00
70202 46
689 42

1623820 88

July 1   8

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th inst, has been received, and the Adams Express Co inform me that the $20. in mutilated silver has come to hand.

The Mint is not buying silver at present, and we make silver coins for the U.S. Government only, and not for private parties; and we do not receive deposits of less value than $100. The Express Co. will return your silver.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Flood
Supt.

Mr.
J. M. Adsit Jr
Chicago, Ills.

July 1st 8

Sir:

Your letter of June 29th has been received.

I would take the silver you mention, as an accommodation to the poor woman to whom it belongs, but it is not in my power. We make silver coins for the U. S. Government only and not for private parties. We are not buying silver now, and if we were, could not take a smaller amount than $100, in value.

You can perhaps find a silversmith willing to take it.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

E. N. Gibbs, Cas.
Norwich Ct.

July 1st 8

Sir

Your letter of the 20th of June
has been received.

The coin of which you enclose m
brings, is rare and interesting, but w
have one like it in the Mint collect

Your historical description is
full and correct, that we can add
nothing to improve it. As to its com
mercial value among coin collecto
I can give you no information, b
by applying to coin dealers and colle
tors, many of whom are to be found
in all our large cities, you may b
able to obtain that information.

Very Respectfully

A. J. Platner. M. D.
Bryan. Texas.

July 1 8

Sir

In compliance with your letter of the 29th of June last, I forward herewith a corrected Statement of the Old Material Sold, the money for which was deposited and the C/D. forwarded on the 28th Inst.

The item alluded to – June 14th should be 98 bushels of Wood Ashes instead of 980 bushels. The naught was a clerical error.

Very respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 1 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit an inventory of stationery &c on hand at the close of the six months ending June 30. 1878.

I also transmit, with samples, my requisition for stationery and other articles, for the six months ending December 31. 1878, as required by the Department.

We have reason to complain of the quality of some of the paper and other articles furnished to this Mint, and I must express the hope that we shall be better supplied hereafter.

Very

Very Respectfully

Jas. [illegible]

Supt

Hon.
John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

July 1 . 8

Sir.

I herewith transmit Return of Furniture and Fixtures in the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, for the six months ending the 30th day of June 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
DC

July 1st 8

Sir;

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business June 29.1878 - is 2.639.642.56 Standard Ounces — The Actual Balance cannot be given, as I am awaiting assay and calculation of Melter & Refiner's & Coiner's Sweep & Grains.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 1 8

Sir:

The three boxes of Assay coins from your Mint for the Second Quarter of 1878, specified in your letter of June 22d, have been received.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

James Crawford, Esq

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson

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July 2 8

Sir:

I herewith forward certificate of the inspection and regulation of the Troy weights ordinarily employed in the transactions of this Mint, signed by the Supt. and the Assayer of the Mint, in accordance with Section 10 of the Coinage Act of 1873, and the Directions circular of Feby 27, 1873.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

July 2

Sir:-

Referring to your letter [illegible] of June 25, I herewith transmit [illegible] No. 1598, for \$18.18 on current [illegible] for account, being the bullion [illegible] of \$21.12 in mutilated silver [illegible] mentioned in your letter.

Memorandum No. 258, [illegible] enclosed.

Very Respectfully, [illegible]

Hon.
James Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

June 28

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst, authorizing the purchase of silver bullion on the terms stated, upon the completion of the annual settlement, has been received, and directions given accordingly.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 2 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward,

1. Statement of Minor Coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged, during the month ending June 30. 1878.

2. Statement of Minor Coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged for fiscal year ending June 30. 1878.

3. For the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage Operations for month ending June 30. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Sup

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

July 3 8

Sir:

I have appointed John Martin as a Laborer in the general department of this Mint, at $2,75 per diem, and submit the same for approval. This appointment to take effect upon confirmation.

Very Respectfully,

Jas Crawford

Supt

Hon,
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 3   8

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst, has been received.

The Mint is authorized to purchase Mexican dollars, and other silver, by weight as bullion, and after melting and assaying, pay for them by the ounce fine, in U.S. legal tender silver dollars, at the equivalent of the London price of silver on the day the bullion reaches the Mint. At the present price of silver in London, 52 2/3 d, a Mexican dollar is worth about 90½ cents. They are worth more or less according to the fluctuations in the bullion market. The standard weight of a Mexican dollar is 416½ grains, 900 fine.

You will find the London quotations daily, in the money article of the leading newspapers.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

C. D. Mansfield, Esq
Paymaster U. S. Navy.
U. S. S. Swatara.
Boston Navy Yard

July 3d 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose statement of Sweeps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, or Gold Notes, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Please make offer prior to the 10th inst.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Actg. Supt.

Messrs. C. S. Dennis & Sons
Newark
N.J.

Stand. Oz

			oz. dec	oz. dec
228 to 237	M & R	4,123	8160	190.30
238 to 247	"	4,071	2120	139.54
248 to 257	"	4,227	4403	212.27
258 to 267	"	4,039	1262	163.24
268 to 277	"	4,297	0896	135.71
278 to 287	"	4,197	5246	217.32
288 to 289	"	737	3608	17.87
290 to 299	"	4,159	9098	209.70
300 to 309	"	4,324	7657	200.93
310 to 319	"	4,130	7314	355.43
320 to 334	"	6,372	37170	501.85
1, 2, 3	Coiner's	1,217½	24096	380.55 78.44
4.	"	176	7884	380.55
441 to 445	Supt	2,217	4850	29.10
		48.288½	123.764	2832.27

Value of Gold $ 2,302.59
" of Silver 3,295.73
$ 5.598.32

July 3d. 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose statement of Sweeps for sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, or Gold Notes, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Please make your offer on or before the 10th inst.

Very Respy

H. C. Hickok

Actg Supt.

A. W. Spear & Co.
121 Fulton St,
New York

July 3d 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose statement of Sweeps for Sale for which I would be pleased to have your bid. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, or Gold Notes, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Please reply prior to the 10th inst.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs. Howard & Möhle
New York

July 3d 8

Gentlemen

I enclose statement of Sweeps for sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, or Gold Notes, and Sweeps deliverable at Mint.

Please make offer on or before the 10th inst.

Very Resp'y
H C Hickok
Actg Supt

E. Balbach & Son
Newark
N. J

July 3d 8

Gentlemen

I enclose statement of Sweeps for Sale, for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, or Gold Notes, and Sweeps deliverable at the Mint.

Please return your offer on or before the 10th inst.

Very Resp'y

H. C. Hickok

Actg Supt

R. Longman's Sons
No. 1 John St.
New York

Standard
ounces

			oz.	Fin	[illegible]
228 to 234	Bar K	1023	8160	190.30	
235 to 241	"	1071	2120	137.54	
242 to 247	"	1127	1103	210.76	
248 to 249	"	1039	1262	163.24	
[illegible] to 277	"	1287	796	135.71	
278 to 281	"	1097	5026	217.32	
282 to 287	"	737	3608	17.89	
[illegible] to 299	"	1157	7052	207.70	
300 to 309	"	1324	7167	200.93	
310 to 319	"	1130	7307	355.43	
332 to 334	"	6572	37170	501.85	
1, 2, 3	Coins Q	1217½	2460	330.[illegible]	
4	"	176	7184	[illegible]	
1215 to 1225	Deposits	2.217	486	29.10	
		11825½	132764	[illegible]27	

Value of the Gold $2303.57

" " Silver 3295.75

$5578.32

Standard ounces

			Ozs. dech	Ozs. dech
228 to 237	Mint	4123	8160	190.30
238 to 247	"	4071	2120	139.54
248 to 257	"	4227	4403	212.27
258 to 267	"	4039	1262	163.24
268 to 277	"	4299	0896	135.78
278 to 287	"	4197	5246	207.32
288 to 289	"	737	3608	17.89
290 to 299	"	4059	9098	209.70
300 to 309	"	4324	7657	200.93
310 to 319	"	4130	7384	355.43
320 to 334	"	6372	34770	380.85
1.2.3	Coined	12074½	24076	[illegible]
4.	"	476	7884	[illegible]
141 to 145	Supls	2217	4850	29.10
		48.288½	123.784	2832.27

Value of Gold $ 2302 59
" " Silver 3295 73
$ 5598 32

			[illegible] said Std.	
			A[illegible] ounces	
228 to 237	Mn & B.	4,123	60	190.30
238 to 247	"	4,071	2 120	139.54
248 to 257	"	4,227	4 163	212.27
258 to 267	"	4,039	1 [illegible]62	163.24
268 to 277	"	4,299	0 896	135.71
278 to 287	"	4,197	5 246	217.32
288 to 289	"	737	3 608	17.89
290 to 299	"	4159	9 078	209.70
300 to 309	"	4324	7 657	200.93
310 to 319	"	4130	7 014	355.43
320 to 334	"	6.372	37 170	501.85 380.55
1, 2, 3	Coined	1.217½	21.096	[illegible] 78.[illegible]
4.	"	176	7 084	3[illegible]
141 to 145	Supts.	2.217	4 850	29.10
		48.288½	123.742	[illegible]

Val. of Gold $ 2302.59
" " Silver 3.295.73
$ 5598.32

		Standard ounces		
		oz.	Dec	of dec
228 to 237	Ow & R	4123	8160	190.30
238 to 247	"	4071	2120	139.54
248 to 257	"	4227	4403	212.27
258 to 267	"	4039	1242	163.24
268 to 277	"	4297	0896	135.71
278 to 287	"	4197	5246	207.32
288 to 289	"	737	3608	29.89
290 to 299	"	4159	9098	209.70
300 to 309	"	4324	7657	200.93
310 to 319	"	4130	7314	355.43
320 to 334	"	6372	37170	501.85
1, 2, 3,	Coined	1217½	24096	380 55
4	"	176	7884	78 44
141 to 145	Supts	2217	4850	27.10
		48.288½	123.764	2832.27

Value of Gold	$2.302 57
" " Silver	3.295 73
	$5.598 32

July 3d 8

Sir:

I hand you herewith my a/c of Refining Expenses for the Month of June 1878

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 3d 8

Sir:

The Supt went out of town to-day and directed me to say that he expects to be absent until Monday or Tuesday next.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Actg Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

July 3d 8

Sir;

I herewith transmit for the Secty of the Treasury - C D No 4563 for $338.12 Coin, on account of Parting, Refining & Bar charges.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Actg Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Error

June 5" 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit the following reports from the Coiners department for the second quarter, 1878.

1 Fine Gold and Silver Bullion used in the manufacture of Medals.
2 Fine Gold Medals of a National character
3 Fine Silver Medals of a National character
4 Gold Proof Coin.
5 Silver Proof Coin.
6 Copper, bronzed Medals of a National character
7 Copper used in the manufacture of bronzed medals

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

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o Challen

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

July 6th 8

Sir

The Approximate Amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 2.639.140.85 Standard Ounces

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Actg Supt

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 8 [illegible]8

Madam.

Since writing you June 20th, the Mint has been authorized to buy silver by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay pay for the same by the ounce in U. S. legal tender silver dollars at the equivalent of the London price of silver at the time.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Mrs.
J. P. Erskine.
Quincy
Ill

July 8th 8

H. W. Brown Esq.
New Lisbon, Ohio.
Dear Sir

Your note of the 1st inst. received. The silver dollar was commenced in 1794. And changes of dies in the following years. 1795. 1840. 1844. 1873 (Trade dol.) and 1878. Six different designs. You have all but the 1795 and 1873 (Trade dollar)

Your 1795 is the design of 1794.

The design of the gold-dollar was changed in 1851 from a Liberty-head to an Indian-head, and larger diameter.

Yours respectfully.
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt.

July 8 8

Sir

Your requisition of the 6th inst, for apparatus and supplies specified for the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Colorado, has come to hand and will receive immediate attention.

Very Resp

H C Hien

Actg [illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

July 8 8

Sir:

The silver 25¢ piece enclosed in your letter of June 29th is a genuine coin, but has been burnt and thus rendered unfit for circulation. I herewith enclose a good one in its place.

Very Respectfully

H. G. Hicks

Actg [illegible]

Geo. L. DeForest, Esq. Cas.
Freeport
Ill

July 8   8

Sir

Your letter of the 5th inst has been received.

At the present price of silver in London, Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint, as bullion, about ninety (90) cents each, in U. S. legal tender silver dollars, you paying freight both ways.

Very Respectfully
H C Hicks
Acting Supt

A. W. Cross. Esq.
Asst Cashier.
Jerseyville
Ill

July 8 8

Sir:

Enclosed I herewith forward.

1. Gold Workings, Coiners department during June 1878.

2. Silver Workings, Coiners department during May and June 1878.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Actg Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

July 8 80

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst, was duly received.

There is not a word of truth in the report you speak of, that the Mint has restruck the dollar of 1804, and the quarter dollar of 1823. It would be illegal to do so. I herewith mail you a medal circular, as requested.

Very Respectfully
H C Hink
Actg S

Mr.
John G Dater.
Nayatt.
R. I.

July 9 8

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst, in reference to the proposed transfer to this Mint, of one million ounces fine silver from the Assay Office at New-York, I herewith enclose a communication from our Melter & Refiner, Prof. Booth, explaining the crowded condition of our vaults at this time, but that in eight days at furthest, the New York silver could be received.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

July 9 8

Sir:

Does your letter of the 28th of May last include, in its prohibition, bills of the Adams Express Company for the transportation of Minor coins, or is it limited to silver coins? The Company would like to collect their bills for the transportation of minor coins if not precluded by the terms of your letter of May 28, and to accommodate them I submit the question for further instructions.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint

H C Hickok
Acting Supt

July 9 8

Sir:

Your directions under date of the 8th inst, to forward to your office at the close of business each Saturday, a statement showing the approximate amount of Gold and Silver bullion, and Gold and Silver coin respectively, in the Bullion Fund of this Mint, have been received, and the required statements will be duly forwarded accordingly.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hinsworth
Acting Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

July 9 8

Sir

I herewith transmit Report of Assay coins and deliveries for the Quarter ending June 30th 1878.

Very Respectful
H B Hick Jr
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 10 8

Messrs John Taylor & Co. San Francisco Cal

Gentlemen

Agreeably to the request in yours of 29th ult., we had the pipettes and cups made, and the foreman in our Assay Department examined the packages & found them correct. I am informed to day by Mr Holzer (working for Mr Linsemann) that the articles were sent direct with another order, by the Fast Freight Line; of which he showed the bill of lading. His bill for the same was handed to Messrs Morris & Co. as you directed. The charges were less than heretofore.

Very respy

Jas Pollock

Supt

July 10   8

Sir

I herewith forward the Official Oath of John Martin, Laborer in this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 10th 8

Sir:

I hand you herewith my a/c Standard Silver Dollar Expenses for the Month of June 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 10 8

Sir

The crowded State of my vaults render immediate transfers of Standard Silver dollars to the U. S. Treasury imperatively necessary.

We have barely room to store perhaps $100.000 in addition to what we have on hand.

I have therefore to ask that you will please make application to the Secretary of the Treasury for the transfer to the Treasurer U. S. or Some Asst Treasurer U. S. of not less than $500.000 in Standard Silver Dollars with the least possible delay

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

July 10. 8

Sir

I am entirely without money for current expenses, and as the Mint is now required to work under high pressure, it would greatly add to our convenience if we could be placed in funds at an early day. I therefore appeal to you to have the draft for my monthly requisition forwarded to me as soon as may be practicable

Very respectfully

Ja. Peal

Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

July 10 8

Sir

Your directions of the 9th Inst. to work overtime, and turn out 1.500.000 Standard Silver dollars during the present month, if possible, have been received, and arrangements promptly made to comply with the wishes of the Department so far as may be practicable. But as it is so late in the month, and the weather is very oppressive and exhausting, I fear we shall not be able with our best efforts to reach the figures named, altho' we shall do the very best we can.

The enclosed communication from the Melter & Refiner will more fully explain the unfavorable circumstances under which we shall be obliged to work

Very respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

P. S. If this torrid heat continues there is not a woman in the adjusting Room who will not break down and be rendered unfit for duty if required to make the over-time necessary to get out the required amount of Standard Silver dollars this month.

J. P.

July 11 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 8th inst, has been received.

At the present price of silver in London (64 5/8 d) Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint by weight as bullion, about 90 cents each, in U. S. legal tender silver dollars,

The standard weight of Mexican dollars, is 416 1/2 grains 900 fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
A. Holland
Kansas City
Mo

July 11th 8

Gentlemen.

Your offer under date of the 9th inst, of $3,724 00/100 in gold coin, for the Mint sweeps, has been received and accepted. You will please make payment, and remove them without delay. We are now working overtime an need all the space at our comman

Very Respectfully

Jas. [illegible]
Supt

Messrs.
A. W. Spear & Co.
New York

July 11 8

Gentlemen

Your bid of the 9th inst, for the Mint sweeps, is respectfully declined, I having received and accepted a higher bid.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Meſsrs.
Howard & Mahle.
New York.

July 11 8

Gentlemen,

Your bid of the 8th inst, for the Mint sweeps, is respectfully declined, I have received and accepted a higher bid

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Meſsrs.
C. S. Dennis & Son
Newark
N. J.

July 11 8

Gentlemen.

Your bid of the 9th inst, for the Mint sweeps, is respectfully declined, I having received and accepted a higher bid.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
R. Longman's Sons.
New-York.

July 11 8

Gentleman.

Your bid of the 10th inst for the Mint sweeps, is respectfully declined, I having received and accepted a higher bid.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Ed Balbach & Son
Newark
N. J.

July 11 8

Sir:

The box of assay coins from your Mint, for the second quarter 1878, mentioned in your letter of the 2d inst, has been received.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

H. L. Dodge, Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal

July 11 8

Sir:

I have received from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at New Orleans, La, on your transfer order No. 5135, dated July 9. 1878. a sealed bag said to contain $132.50 light gold coin, and $40, Mexican Gold. Not having any advices from you I write to ask what shall be done with these coins, and if to be received, what disposition shall be made of the proceeds.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington.

July 11 . 8

Sir:

Mr. R. B. Harrison referred to in your letter of the 1st inst, was assigned to duty in our Assay Department on Monday the 8th inst, for the purposes specified in your letter, and is now under instructions, as directed.

His oath of office is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 11   8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver bullion during the month of June 1878. Also, Statement of Coins manufactured during the same month.

2 Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during the month of June 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

July 11 8

Sir,

The sample of ore enclosed in your letter of the 6th inst, proves upon examination to be only carbonate of lime, and of no value.

Very Respt'ly
James Pollock
Supt
per W.F.P.

Mr.
W. D. Bartlett.
Simpson's Sta
W. Va

July 12 8

Messrs Henry E. Bush
G. I. Humphreys

The assayer has tested the mineral sample sent by you. It contains no gold or silver, & is of no value.

The Mint charge is five dollars, but in this case you may send three dollars, as sufficient. $3. –

Yours &c.
Jas Pollock
④
Supt.

New Haven
W. Va.

July 15th

Sir:

Upon application of the Coiner I have granted him leave of absence for eight days from to morrow the 16th inst: and at his request have appointed Mr. Wm S. Steel, assistant to the Coiner, as Acting Coiner during that period, and submit the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

8

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. has been received.

At the price of silver in London yesterday (52⅞ d.) Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint, by weight as bullion, after melting and assay, about ninety (90) cents each, in U. S. legal tender silver dollars. We will receive your Mexican dollars and settle at the equivalent of the London price of silver on the day they reach the Mint, you paying freight both ways.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Mr. C. L. Spaulding
Saint Catherine
Mo.

July 1[illegible] 5

Sir:

Referring to your letter (J.M.W.) of the 6th inst. I herewith transmit C.H. No 1517 for $1.17 on your currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $1.37 in mutilated silver 3¢ pieces, specified in your letter. Mint memorandum No 272 also enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan,
Treasurer U. S.,
Washington, D.C.

July 12" 8

Sir:

The weighing balance referred to in your letter of the 10" inst. recently in use by our Melter and Refiner and which you propose to forward, for temporary use, to the Mint at Den., had been partially dismantled by the late Mr. Tompkins, but since the arrival of your letter yesterday, our present Adjuster of Weights and Balances, Mr. Westermaier, has put it together again, and regulated it, and it is now in good and reliable working order, ready to be packed and shipped to the Denver Mint, whenever you so direct. It is a very excellent balance, and I see no reason why it might not remain there permanently if desired.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

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July 12" 8

Sir:

I herewith enclose a copy of a communication of the 11" inst. from the Coiner in reference to the desired appointment of the additional workmen.

I declined to make these appointments in May last because we were nearing the annual settlement, and there did not seem to be any pressing necessity, at that time. It could be safely deferred till coinage operations should be resumed in July, and that much saved to our appropriations, which we now know to be wholly inadequate.

In the face of this last fact, and

your repeated and quite recent admonitions not to make any increase in our working force, and the probability, as reported by you, that it may be necessary to reduce the number of employes at an early day, I have hesitated to assume the responsibility of making these new appointments for the Coiner's Department. But I submit the question for your consideration; and if under all the circumstances mentioned you should consider it necessary and advisable I will give the Coiner some additional help.

Whether it is really needed or not, I do not here undertake to determine, but refer you to the Coiner's letter, And will be guided in the matter by your instructions.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

July 12th 8

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry on the subject, in the closing paragraph of your letter of the 11th inst., I herewith transmit, for your information, a copy of a report by the Coiner, explaining the condition of his weighing balance before it was taken down for repairs, and what portions of it had to be replaced with new material.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

July 12th

Sir:

I herewith transmit the following statements for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875.

1. Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion; and Bars manufactured.

2. Gold and silver of domestic production.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

July 12" 8

Sir:

Our Engraver will leave the city to morrow, the 13" inst. on his annual vacation, and at his request I have appointed Mr. Chas. E. Barber, as Acting Engraver during his abence, and herewith submit the same for approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

July 13th 8

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 11th inst. has been received. There is no provision of law for the redemption or exchange of silver coins. They are not redeemable. But we can receive your silver 3¢ and 5¢ pieces, (which are no longer coined) by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pay for them, by the ounce fine, in U. S. legal tender silver dollars, at the equivalent of the London price of silver on the day they reach the Mint. But you would lose from ten to twenty per cent by the operation, according to the condition of the coin. We could also receive, on the same terms, mutilated silver coins of any date.

You would pay the freight both ways.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
O. C. Russell & Co.
Zanesville, O.

July 13th 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit statement of the Coinage executed at this Mint during the week ending this day, July 13th.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

July 13th, 8

Sir:

I submitted your inquiries of the 9th inst. with regard to the alterations and repairs, and new machinery and apparatus authorized since the passage of the Act restoring the standard silver dollar, to the Melter and Refiner and to the Coiner, in whose departments and under whose supervision the expenditures were made, and have received from each of them an itemized schedule of the information called for, a copy of which I herewith transmit for your consideration. The estimates were approximate only.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

July 13" 8

Sir:

The specimen of mineral enclosed in your letter of the 10" inst. proves, upon examination, to be oxide of iron, and of no value.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr. J. A. Wolf,
Wolfsville Md.

July 13th 8

Sir;

The Approximate Amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 2.519.953.52 Standard Ounces —

A detailed Statement of the "Bullion Fund" will be forwarded to you by Monday's mail.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 15   8

Dear Sir

The quarter-dollar (letter S. San Francisco Mint) is genuine, but has no ring, on account of a flaw not visible. This will happen, in rare cases. I see it has been stained by nitric acid, which is no test. The piece is returned.

Yours respy

Jas Pollock

Supt

M Beecher Esq.

Cash. First Nat. Bk

Warren Pa

July 15 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 12" inst. and package of small silver coins said to amount to $11.65 have been presented by the Adams Express Co.

The coins will be returned to you, as they are not redeemable, and I have no power to send you larger coins in their place

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr. M. Maier,

St. Clair,

Pa.

July 15" 8

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 12" inst. has been received.

At the present price of silver in London (52 ⅝d) Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint by weight as bullion, about ninety (90) cents each, in U. S. legal tender silver dollars; you paying freight both ways.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford

Supt.

Messrs.

N. J. Morse & Co.

Chicago, Ill.

July 15" 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 12" inst. has been received.

Silver coins are not redeemable, and I have no power to receive your 20¢ pieces for that purpose.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

H. T. J. Ricker Esq.,
Quincy, Ill.

July 15th 8.

Sir.

The following is a statement of the condition of the Bullion Fund at the close of business on Saturday, the 13th inst. i.e.

Approximate Amt of Gold Coin	$ 2.860.755.44
" " " Gold Bullion	2.820.979.63
" " " Silver Coin	2.209.995.55
" " " Silver Bullion	2.489.073.76
Total Bullion Fund	$ 10.380.804.38

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

July 15th

Sir

I enclose herewith the following named Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1858. viz

1 Balance Sheet of Gold & Silver a/cs.
Do Minor Coinage a/cs.
Do Exchange, Redemption and Reissue a/cs.
Statement of the Silver Profit & Loss a/c.
" " Profit & Loss a/c.

Referring to the latter a/c. I would respectfully ask your attention to the following explanation of the balance ($8348.80) thereof, in order that you may be the better guided in settling by draft or otherwise for the Wastage and Loss on Sweep sold.

The a/c as rendered gives a debit balance of ~~~~~~ $8.348.80

Charges deducted for the year are $4.210.64, and the amount deposited for the same time was $3,779.84 this sum including $66.93 of the Charges of the previous year, being a balance due at that settlement. This will leave a balance of $497.70 to be deposited in July, which should be added to the balance ~~ 497.70

$8.846.50

Less the Sum due to June a/c. 1877 ~~ 66.93

Amt. of Wastage & Loss — $ 8.779.57

for which settlement should be made.

Or otherwise stated thus;

Melter & Refiner's Wastage	$ 7.147.94
Coiner's	15.16
Loss on Sweeps sold	1.949.17
Total Loss	$ 9.112.27
Deduct for Sweeps from Deposit Melting Room	332.70
Amt to be reimbursed	$ 8.779.57

We have sufficient funds in hands to cover the aforesaid loss when you shall so order the transaction. Please instruct me as early as convenient if I shall use the balance ($13.332.33) unexpended on last year's appropriation for this purpose. As soon as all our bills are in, I will close up and render my a/cs. for last year, together with remaining statements due you from this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

July 15 8

Sir

In compliance with the request on your Postal Card of the 12th inst, I return herewith your application for a position in some U. S. Mint

Yours respectfully
James Pollock
Superintendent
per Boye

S. F. Adams Esq
222 - 3rd St N W
Washington
D. C.

July 15th 8

Sir

I enclose herewith my Reports of Silver Bullion Purchased & Parted for the year ended June 30. 18 8

Very Respectfully

Jas Crawford

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 16 62

Sir.

Your letter of the 13th inst has been received.

Halves, quarters and dimes are issued to the public in the manner and upon the terms prescribed in the enclosed Treasury Circular, and not otherwise.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Chas. Mount, Esq. Cas.
Connersville
Ind

July 16 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter (J.W.H.) of July 1st, with regard to a freight charge of $2. paid to Sandersons Express Co. by the 1st National Bank, Denver, Col. on shipment of Standard silver dollars from this Mint, on Mint letter No. 10. June 14. 1878. I herewith enclose copy of a letter from Mr. L. Lovejoy, Supt in this City of the Adams Express Co. to the effect that the route covered by the payment in question, is not embraced in their contract, nor in any manner a part of it.

I herewith return the letter

from the Bank and the Express receipt, and have to request that you will advise me whether the $6 is to be refunded to the Bank, and if so, out of what fund.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Bosch
Supt

Hon.
James Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

July 16 8

Dear Sir:

Your two mineral samples have been assayed, and each found to contain merely a trace of silver; & therefore of no value.

Mint Charge $10, paid.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. Pollock
Supdt.

Mr. H. R. Buttram
Macomb Ills.

July 16th 8

Sir.

I enclose herewith statement of Sweeps sold at this Mint during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1878 as requested in yours of yesterday. This statement contains the sweeps delivered in settlement which properly belong to the U.S. of the last fiscal year, though they were not sold (of necessity) until July 3rd. I thought it best to give you these in the statement, and if not needed you could reject that portion of it.

Very Respectfully Yours
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 16 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury, C/D No. 4594 for $\$159^{\underline{58}}$ coin, balance of Parting, Refining and Bar charges for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 16 8

Sir

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor as Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, for the sum of Five Hundred (500) Dollars, gold coin, to meet expenditures of the Refinery for the month of July 1878, with which I am to be charged and held accountable under my bond dated April 1. 1873.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

July 17th 8

Sir

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint, under date of the 15th inst, you will please strike and deliver to me at your early convenience six (6) goloid dollars (so called) with your bill for the same.

Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm S. Steel Esq
Acting Coiner

July 17 8

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 16th inst, I submit the following statement.

Amount of Standard Silver dollars exchanged for gold from the date such coinage was commenced, March 12, 1878, to June 30, 1878, $27,214.00

Amount paid for the transportation of Standard silver dollars from March 12, 1878, to April 30, 1878, $6,343.9

No payments for transportation were made in May and June 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

July 17 8

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst, I herewith transmit duplicate statements of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion, and Gold and Silver of Domestic Production, for the month of June, 1878, which are correct.

The $12.28 from "other sources" (unknown) added to the $928,81 "Parted from Gold" (there being no other place in the printed sheets to put it) make $941.09, the total amount of "Silver of Domestic Production" for that month.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

July 17 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 13th inst, I herewith transmit correct statements of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver bullion, and of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production, for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1878, and return your penciled memorandum of silver bars manufactured as per monthly statements. The main error, as you will see, was in inadvertantly duplicating the November statement in December.

I also transmit correct statements for the months of August, October and November, 1877, and February 1878, to replace those heretofore sent you for those months.

The items of all the statements now sent have been compared with the calculations sheets from which they were taken, and are correct.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 17 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 13th inst, I herewith return, as requested, the receipt of the Cheyenne & Black Hills Stage Company's Express, Deadwood, March 17th last, to W. R. Snider, for one package of quartz, with my certificate on the back that the package never came to hand.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 17th 8

Gentlemen:

I hand you herewith Check No. 6918 for Eighty eight thousand One hundred and forty 72/100 (88.140^{72}) Dollars, payable in Standard Silver Dollars, in full for 76.299^{10} Ounces fine Silver Bullion @ $\$1.15^{52}$ per Ounce fine. Please receipt for the same and return.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York

July 17th 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6918 favor J & W. Seligman & Co for $88.140 12 in "Standard Silver Dollars", for Silver purchased by the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. [illegible]
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

July 17 8

Sir:

In compliance with the instructions conveyed in your letter of the 15th inst. received this morning, I have had struck, and herewith send you six (6) specimens of the goloid dollar, so called, together with the Coiner bill for the same, $6 25.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 18 8

Madam

In compliance with your request of the 17th Inst, I send herewith your application and recommendations, filed in this Office some time since. It is not the custom of the Department to return applications but in this instance I make an exception

Yours respectfully

Superintendent

Mrs Ellen J. Brosman
Care of the Solicitor of the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

July 18 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9 inst, I regret to say that after repeated and diligent search, not a single copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years ending June 30. 1870-71 and 72 can be found, except a single copy of each on my own file; and it is therefore, not in my power to furnish them.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

July 18 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst. has been received.

Silver coins are not redeemable, nor can small ones be exchanged for larger denominations. The Mint, however, will buy silver 3¢ and 5¢ silver coins, by weight as bullion, in sums of not less than $100, and after melting and assay pay for them by the ounce fine, in U. S. legal tender silver dollars at the rate of one half cent per ounce below the equivalent of the London price of silver, on the day the coins reach the Mint; but this would involve a loss of 15 to 20 per cent to the owner of the coins, according to their condition.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt

Mr.
C. Y. Adams, Esq.
Toledo
Ohio

July 18 8

Sir:

In calculating the wages of the workmen on the refinery roll, I shall pay them at par in coin, as directed in your letter of the 9th inst, when the quotation is under one per cent.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 18 8

Sir:

Your directions of the 17th inst, fixing the purchasing rate for silver bullion at this Mint, in lots of ten thousand (10,000) ounces and less, at one half cent per ounce below the equivalent of the London rate, on and after the 18th inst, have been received, and at once put in force.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 18 8

Sir:

Mr. Hubbell's directions for the treatment of blanks for the so-called goloid dollar, reached me this morning, one day too late. The Melter & Refiner having a sufficient number of blanks on hand, the six specimens called for in your letter of the 16th inst, were immediately struck, and forwarded to you, by mail yesterday, with the coiners bill for the same.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

July 19 8

Sir:

Please return to me by mail, the two unstamped half dollar blanks mentioned in your letter of the 17th inst. I inclose official stamps to pay the postage.

Upon the receipt of the blanks I will send you two half dollars in their place.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Dir.

A. D. Cotton, Esq.
Franklin
Pa

July 18 8

Sir:

Your letter of the [illegible]st inst. has been received.

At the present price of silver in London (62 5/8d) Trade Dollars are worth at the Mint by weight as bullion, after melting and assay, about 90 1/4 cents each, in legal tender silver dollars.

Very Respectfully

Mr. C. H. Frazier
Bolivar
Mo.

July 9 5

Sir

I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury Certificate of Deposit No 1947 for $5.000 = as a transfer of Funds on account of Subsidiary Silver Coin.

Very respectfully

Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 20 8

Sir:

I have this morning received your requisition of the 19th inst for six (6) Half Eagle, Obverse. Six (6) Quarter Eagle, Obverse dies for the Mint at San Francisco.

The Engraver informs me they can be forwarded by Tuesday next, the 23d inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 20 8

Sir

Since writing you on the 18th inst, I have obtained from private sources, one set of the Directors Annual reports for 1870-71 & 72, and forward the same to you by to days mail.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

July 20 8

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending July 20, 1878

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 20th 8

Sir.

Under the instructions of the Treasurer of the U.S. addressed to me on the 19th inst, (Copy enclosed) I hand you my check No. 6919 in your favor, for Seven hundred and thirty four thousand and three hundred and ninety nine 94/100 (734.399.94) Dollars, Gold Coin, "to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer "of the U.S. in general a/c, Coin, as a "Transfer of Funds", being the balance in your hands in *Gold Coin*, to my credit for the purchase of Silver Bullion. Please receipt to me for the same, *in duplicate*, on the enclosed forms and remit by next mail.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse

Asst. Treas. U.S.

New York.

July 20 8

Sir:

The transcript, from the records of your office, enclosed in your letter of the 18th inst, showing, by months, the Gold and Silver deposited and purchased during the fiscal year ending June 30. 1878, has been compared with our books, and is herewith returned with the correct figures for the months of April and May, and the footings for the year, noted in red ink. The same comparison has been made with your transcript by months, of Gold of domestic production, and the correct figures for April, noted in red ink, the remaining months, in both transcripts being all right.

I also transmit, as requested, a statement of Gold and Silver of domestic production for the month of August 1877.

I further transmit corrected statements for the months of April and May, in which the errors noted in your transcripts occurred, to take the place of those originally forwarded.

The statements for June and October, returned in your letter, you will find herewith enclosed.

I have given such directions as will, I hope, prevent the transmission of erroneous statements of deposits &c to your office hereafter.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 20th 8

Sir.

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 2.368.201 $\frac{22}{}$ Standard Ounces.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

July 22 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst, has been received.

At the present price of silver in London, (52 7/8 d) Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint by weight as bullion, after melting and assay about 90 cents each, in U. S. legal tender silver dollars, you paying the freight both ways.

Very Respectfully
Ja. Pollock
Supt

Mr. A. R. Hersh. Heath
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July 22 8

Sir.

I herewith send you a quarter dollar of our current coinage, in place of the split quarter dollar of San Francisco coinage, enclosed in your letter of the 20th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 22 8

Sir

The enclosed letter of the 19th inst, from J. Clarence Simmons, Banker, Sparta, Geo, raising the question as to the legal tender of the Mexican dollar, hardly comes within my province, and is therefore respectfully referred to you for answer.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon,
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 22 8

Sir

Enclosed I send a copy of the correspondence with Lucius A. Brown, Cuthbert, Ga. called for in your letter of the 20th inst. His postal card was in reply to a silver circular sent him.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 22 8

Sir.

In compliance with your directions of the 15th inst, I submit the following statement of the amount of standard silver dollars paid for silver bullion purchased and parted from gold for the week ending Saturday July 20. 1878.

For silver bullion purchased at the Mint, including fractions, $1,008.82.

For silver bullion purchased of J & W. Seligman & Co. $88,140.72.

For silver parted from gold, including fractions. $135.10.

There is some uncertainty here as to the exact character of the statement your letter calls for. If the above is not what you expected, you will please so advise me.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 22d 8

Sir

The amt. of the Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 20th inst was $9.225.574.82 approximated subdivisions as follows, viz

In Gold Coin	$2,127.434.65
" Gold Bullion	2.820.070.86
" Silver Coin	1.909.868.09
" Silver Bullion	2.368.201.22
Actual Total	$9.225.574.82

Very Respectfully

Jas Crawford

Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 23 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury C/D. July 22, No. 25, in my name, from the Acting Asst Treasurer U. S. at New York, for the sum of Seven-hundred and thirty four thousand three hundred and ninety nine $\frac{94}{100}$ Dollars ($734,399.$\frac{94}{100}$) gold coin, to the credit of the general account of the Treasurer, U. S. as a transfer of funds on account of my coin check No. 6919, per Treasurers letter to me of July 19. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

July 23 8

Sir:

William Young, Night Watchman, at $2,75 per diem, died July 18, 1878, and his name will be dropped from the rolls.

The following resignations have been received and accepted.

O. D. Thatcher, Conductor, at $4. per diem, July 15, to take effect July 31. 1878.

Wm B. Wunder, Fireman, at $2,90 per diem, July 16, to take effect, July 31. 1878, and the names will be dropped from the rolls accordingly.

Very Respectfully
J. W. [illegible] Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

July 23 8

Sir.

I have this day forwarded to the Supt of the Mint at San-Francisco, the following dies, in full of your requisition of the 19th inst.

Six (6) Half Eagle, Obverse.
Six (6) Quarter Eagle, Obverse.

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

July 23 8

Dear Sir

The Russian kopeck-pieces (silver) are about 2½ per cent. inferior to ours in fineness. At the present mint price paid for silver, the 20-kopecks, allowing somewhat for worn pieces, is worth about 13 cents, payable in our silver dollars. The 15-kopecks in proportion.

Respectfully yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Geo. W. Sweesy Esq. P.M.
Halstead
Kansas

July 29 8

Sir:

By request of H. Silver, Esq. Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver, I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury Cft. No. 4603, July 22. for $\$484^{95}$ coin, on account of balance on deductions on bullion deposits at that Mint for 2d quarter, 1878. and sweeps accruing in fiscal year ending June 30. 1878; the proceeds of the coinage of two unparted gold bars forwarded by him to this Mint July 12.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint,

July 26 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th inst. I herewith transmit duplicate C/D. July 22, No. 4603, in your name, from the Asst. Treas. U. S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for $484.05 coin, being the coinage product of two unparted gold bars specified in your letter.

The original C/D. has been forwarded to the Director of the Mint as requested. Mint Memorandum No. 930. is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

H. Silver Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint Denver

July 23 8

Sir.

Mr. Nicholas Dawson, appointed a weigher in the Mint at New-Orleans, has this day reported to me, with your letter to him of the 16th inst, and in compliance with your directions I have placed him under instructions to learn the business of weighing bullion and coin,

His oath of office is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Sup't

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

July 24 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit two half dollars in place of the two planchets returned in your letter of the 22d inst. The battered quarter dollar enclosed in letter, is a genuine coin, an send you herein a new qu in its place.

Very Respect

A. D. Cotton, Esq. Cas

Franklin.

Pa

July 24 8

Dear Sir

We cannot tell what is the market value of your coin, and we do not buy.

There is a collector of coins at Trenton Falls, Mr. Michael Moore, who can inform you, and may wish to purchase. There are several dealers in New York City. But nobody will make an offer till they see the coin.

Yours &c.

E Hand. Esq
Rochester N.Y.

Sup'dt.

July 24 8

Sir

Your letter of the 23d inst. has been received.

You can procure the best chilled rolls of A. Garrison & Co, Pittsburg, Pa. also of J. Morton Poole & Co, Wilmington, Del. and Miller, Barr & Parkin, Pittsburg, Pa.

Steel for dies we procure of Alex. Foster & Co. No. 2820 Spring Garden St, Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr. Edwd P. Hampson

New York.

23rd July [illegible]8

Gentlemen

I would respectfully call your attention to two errors in weight found in the first shipment of 500.000 ounces of silver bars received from you at this mint. The weight stamped on bar number 58 3 is 1096.80 ounces actual weight 1087.80 Bar number 5382 stamped weight 1081. actual weight 1082.20 ounces making a difference of thirteen ounces

Very Respectfully

Messrs J & W Seligman & Co,
New York

Jas Pollock
Superintendent

July 24 8

Sir:

I duly received your letter of the 16th inst, enquiring how there came to be a surplus of silver $141.78 in the weigh clerks hands as stated in the silver profit and loss a/c for the fiscal year just ended.

The excess silver bullion 121.67 ozs as reported in my statement forwarded to your office on the 15th inst, first showed itself at the settlement of the Mint accounts for the year ending June 30. 18[illegible]7, It was then thought that an error had been made in the silver Ba a/c in the weigh clerks office, a[illegible] as it could not be detected it was concluded to carry it forward as a surplus until the settlement recently had. As diligent search has been made and no clue can be had as to its origen, I can not give any satisfactory explanation. Certain it is that such bullion on hand over and above the amount called for by the books prop; and in order to dispose of the ma I charged the Bullion and credited the Silver Profit & Loss accounts there with. Examination into the matter will be continued, and any discoveries reported to you.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

July 24th 8

Messrs. Handy & Harman
New York.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of about 47.975^{26} Ozs. Silver, purchased from you by the Director of the Mint, per his advice to me dated the 22d inst. As your letter to the Bank of New York, enclosed to me by said Bank, does not authorize me to remit Check to them and as we can recognise no other parties I will, inasmuch as the purchase was made from your firm, and our accounts are in your name, remit Check to your order, and you can endorse to the Bank, if you see proper. This is done to avoid complications in instructions and accounts.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Cf. We will endeavor to send check in full tomorrow.

July 21st. 8

Cashier of
The Bank of
New York.

Sir.

Your letter of yesterday covering that of Messrs. Handy & Cronise, in relation to Shipment of Silver Bullion, is at hand. As there are no instructions to remit Check to you, and as we can recognise no other parties than the sellers, I shall forward my check to Messrs Handy & Cronise, who if necessary can endorse the same to you.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

July 24th 8

Mess. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York.

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No 6920 in your favor for Twenty eight thousand six hundred and thirty eight 77/100 (28.638.77) Dollars, Std. Silver Dollars, in payment in full for Silver Bullion Purchased at $1.1552 per Oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt.

July 24th. 8

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6920 favor Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co. New York, for \$28.638.77, Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Sup.

July 24 8

Sir.

The specimens of ore sent by you to the Mint, proves, upon examination, to be only mica, with clay and sand stone, and of no value.

Very Respfly

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Benj Mellitt

Sidling Hill

Fulton. Co

Pa

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased

from July 24th 8

J & W. Seligman

& Co. New York

9th inst. 8

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To Director of Mint Jas. Pollock

July 26 8

Sir:

Hon. C. Freeman, M.C. has made application as I understand from him for the appointment of Mrs. Abel Reed, as an adjuster, I informed him a few days ago that we had now more employes than we could pay from our appropriations, that the law authorizing payment of expenses out of the profit of the silver dollar had been repealed by a provision in the general appropriation bill, that the Director had notified me of the fact, directing that no more appointments could be made, and that a reduction of force might soon become necessary, Notwithstanding this he wrote to Secy Sherman, urging the appointment &c. This letter, with the Secretary's endorsement, was referred to me with the hope that something, if possible, could be done in the case. Now as you must nominate, and as you know the condition of affairs, I refer this to you, and ask your opinion in the premises. If after a full explanation to Secy Sherman he should under the circumstances request the appointment, so far as I am concerned I would, if you make the nomination, make the appointment, subject to the confirmation of the Director.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Sup't

O. C. Bosbyshell Esq.
Coiner

July 25 — 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 22d inst. has been received.

At the present price of silver in London (52¾ d) Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint by weight as bullion, after melting and assay, about 90¼ cents each in legal tender silver dollars; you paying freight both ways.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

C. B. Littlefield, Esq.
Knob Noster
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July 25   8

Sir:

In the last lot of kegs received from the Treasury Department at Washington was a lot of linen bags marked "U. S. Mint, San Francisco." There are about a thousand of them, and they are valuable, but not adapted to our use, and I suppose they were sent to me by mistake. Their proper destination would be the Mint at San Francisco. Will you please ascertain from the Department what shall be done with them. They are not the kind of bag we use here, and being stamped with the name of the San Francisco

Mint, are doubly unsuited to our purposes. I shall be glad to receive instructions to forward them to that Mint, if that disposition of them should be agreeable to the Department.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 25th 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check
No. 6921, J. B. Colgate & Co. — $ 57.891.34
" 6922, J & W. Seligman & Co. — 19.743.39
" 6923, Handy & Harman — 55.464.07
All for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt.

Hon. Thos. C. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

July 25th B

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6921 in your favor for Fifty seven thousand eight hundred and ninety one 34/100 (57.891.34) Dollars Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased. Please acknowledge.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs J. B. Colgate & Co.
New York.

July 25th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6922 in your favor for Nineteen thousand Seven hundred and forty three 39/100 (19.743.39) Dollars, Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford
Supt

Mess. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

July 25th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6923 in your favor for Fifty five thousand four hundred and sixty seven $^{.07}$/ (55.467$^{.07}$ Dollars, Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from you as advised by the Director of the Mint, @ $1.15^{75} per ounce fine. This Check was drawn and the a/c. Closed for the shipment, before receiving your telegram, but I much prefer to deal directly with the sellers in settling for Silver. Please acknowledge receipt on enclosed forms.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs.

Handy & Harman, New York.

See Corrected Report

Copied in next book July 29

Erm 1.11/ Style

July 25th 8

J. B. Colgate & Co.

New York

22d inst 8

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July 26   8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 20th inst, has been received.

Hereafter I shall conform to the general regulations of the Mint, and in making payments recognize only the party furnishing the bullion. The Director of the Mint, whose notification is my only authority, and is conclusive upon me, advised me that the bullion which is the subject of this correspondence, was purchased of your firm, and to you I was directed to make payment. I do not officially know the Bank of New York in the transaction, and

and to avoid embarrassment and complication in my accounts, I propose in future to confine myself strictly to the record, and drawing my check to your order, have your endorsement thereon, as my proper and rightful voucher.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Messrs.
Handy & Cronise
New York.

July 26 8

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 20th inst. (J.W.H.) I enclose C/D No. 1639. for $4.35 on currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $5.26 in mutilated silver pieces specified in your letter.

Mint Memorandum No. 293 is also enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
James Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

July 26 8

Sir

As directed by your letter of the 13th of July, inst, I have to day forwarded to the Mint at Denver, by the Adams Express Co, the weighing balance formerly in use in our Melter & Refiner Office, carefully packed in two boxes.

As it had been in use here a long time and is to remain permaniently at Denver, I not only had it put in good working order and accurately adjusted, but had it neatly repainted and retouched with gilding where it was needed so as to make a presentable appearance.

The duplicate Express receipt is herewith enclosed

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

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July 27th 8

Sir

The estimated amount of Silver Bullion on hand at this Mint at the close of business this day is Oz. 3.452.170.^{57}, Standard.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Actg Supt

Hon. H R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 27th 8

Sir

Your letter of the 25th Inst has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican, Spanish and other old Silver coins by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for them by the ounce fine, in U. S. legal tender Silver dollars, at one half cent per ounce below the equivalent of the London price of Silver on the day the coins reach the Mint.

We do not buy any lot of Silver of less than One hundred Dollars ($100.) in value.

You will pay the freight both ways.

Very respectfully

H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent

Mr O. S. Geiger
Reading Pa

July 27

Sir

The copper nickel one cent piece of 1858 enclosed in your letter of the 24th Inst, and herewith returned, is worth one cent and no more.

The Mint never issued any copper, bronze or nickel coins with any gold or silver in them, or the possibility of any.

Yours respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent

Dr J. M Jackson
Ceresco
Mich

July 27th 8

Sir

Your letter of the 24th Inst, has been received.

At the present price of Silver in London, Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint by weight as bullion about 90¼ cents each, in U.S. legal tender Silver dollars

Yours respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent

Mr L Overholser
Palestine
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July 27 8

Sir

I herewith transmit Statement of the coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day, July 27th.

Very respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

July 27th 8

Sir

I herewith transmit Statements of the Melter & Refiners Bullion Operations and Gold and Silver melting for the Month of June 1878

Very respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 27

Sir,

As per your request of the 26th inst, enclosed therein, I herewith return the letter to you of the 16th Inst from Mr James R. Cooper, Houghton Mich, in reference to copper for alloy, with our Melter & Refiner's report on the fitness for our purposes of the copper he offers and the copper we now use.

Very respectfully,

Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 27 8

Sir

In compliance with your request of the [illegible] I herewith transmit blank forms, Seven (7) in number, of Assayers reports for gold and silver that are in use at this Mint

Very respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

July 27 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 26th Inst. I herewith transmit voucher in duplicate receipted for the per diem compensation for this month of Nicholas Dawson weigher in the Mint at New Orleans, 8 days @ $4.00 per diem, $32.00; and R. B. Harrison Assistant in the Assayer department of the same Mint, 23 days @ $4.00 per diem $92.00.

Mr Harrison's bill covers two days more than you have specified, for the reason that he reported at this Mint on the 5th of July, with his Oath of Office of the same date, but the Superintendent and the Assayer being both absent, I requested him to call again on the ensuing Monday the 8th, when he was set to work, although those two Officers were still absent.

It seems to me that in equity he is entitled to his per diem for the two additional days I have ventured to allow him.

If this should not meet your approval please return his voucher and I will send others for only 21 days

Very respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

July 29

Sir

Your letter of the 26th Inst. has been received.

The Mint does not pay out Standard Silver Dollars in exchange for Subsidiary Silver Coins.

We do not exchange or redeem Silver Coins

Yours respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent

C. J. Iredell Esq
Columbia
S. C.

Telegram

July 27. 1878

To Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Dies left here June twenty eighth all right. Adams Express Co. will investigate by telegraph, and report Monday.

H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt. Mint

(Telegram)

July 29. 1878.

Director of the Mint
Washington D C.

Standard dollar dies forwarded June twenty eighth, were delivered to the San Francisco Mint, July eighth.

H C Hickok
Acting Supt Mint.

Telegram

July 29. 1878

Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Please honor this special requisition for twenty five hundred dollars, needed immediately to complete payment of wages, overtime, for the current month. Formal requisition by mail.

H C Hickok
Acting Supt. Mint.

July 29 8

Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for them in U. S. standard silver dollars only, at half a cent per ounce fine below the equivalent of the London price of silver on the day the Mexican coin are received at the Mint; but we do not pay for them in twenty five and fifty cent pieces. They can only be procured in the manner prescribed by the inclosed circular.

Will you take standard silver dollars in payment? If not your

Mexican dollars will be returned to you. Let me hear from you by return mail.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

C. S. Gillette, Esq. Cas
Hartford
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July 29   8

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 27th inst, I herewith forward copy of a letter of this date from Mr. C. S. Sedgwick, Agent of the Adams Express Co. in this City, reporting as the result of his telegraphic inquiry on Saturday, that the thirty six (36) pairs of dies standard silver dollars forwarded from this Mint on the twenty eighth (28) of June last were delivered to the Mint at San Francisco on the eighth of July inst.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint

July 29

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this morning is hereby made official.

"Please honor this special requisition for twenty five hundred dollars, needed immediately to complete payment of wages, overtime, for the current month. Formal requisition by mail"

Very Respectfully

H. C. Hickok

Acting Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

July 29 8

Sir.

Referring to my telegram to you of this date, I herewith transmit a special requisition for the sum of twenty five hundred (2,500) Dollars from the current appropriations to this Mint for wages of workmen and adjusters to be applied to the payment of wages on overtime for the present month, July.

It is very important that a draft for the amount should be received by the Superintendent not later than the 31st inst.

Very Respectfully

H C Hicks
Acting Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint,

States Philad^a

week ending

July 27 8

(Satd July 20) 1.499.113.28

402.000.00

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200.00

Reserved for Assay 201.00

334.000.00

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To Director of the Mint

Superintendent.

July 29th 8

Sir:

The Am't of the Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 27th inst. was $10.213.188.11 the approximated subdivisions thereof being stated thus; i.e.

In Gold Coin	$ 2.116.978.31
" Gold Bullion	2.830.527.20
" Silver Coin	1.872.203.93
" Silver Bullion	3.393.478.67
Actual Total	$ 10.213.188.11

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Asst Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

July 29th 8

Gentlemen

I beg to enclose Check No. 6925 in your favor for Thirty five thousand Seven hundred and fourteen 90/100 (35,714.90) Dollars, Std. Silver Dollars, in full for Silver Bullion delivered 27th inst, i.e. 34,283.56 Standard Ounces @ 115 3/4 cts fine.

Please oblige me by receipting on the enclosed forms. Returns for the Bullion received this a.m. will be made tomorrow.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs
Handy & Croise
24 Nassau St
N.Y.

July 29th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No 6924 in your favor for One $^{16}/_{100}$ (1^{16}/) Dollars, being the balance due you on the recent purchase of Silver Bullion. Please acknowledge as per forms enclosed.

The discrepancy occurred in the Weighing department, and I apologize for the trouble caused you.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Act Supt

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co
New York